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CHITTOOR,
27th July 1942.

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Curator, Madras Record Office.

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LETTERS FROM FORT ST. GEORGE 1759

VOLUME XXXIV.

No. 1

To the Honble Robert Clive Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

As we have advised the Select Committee in a Seperate Letter of all Military Operations and affairs relating thereto we shall here confine ourselves only to such matters as do not immediately fall under that department.

We are to acknowledge the Receit of your Letters of the 12th. & 23 September 1758 and 14 January 1759, the two first by the Thames Captn. Wedderburn who arrived here the beginning of December but sailed again and returned to Vizagapatam or some other Port to the Northward without landing any part of your Consignments to us, we hope he will immediately proceed hither upon hearing, the Enemy have raised the Seige, his Cargo will be very acceptable.

It will be some time before this settlement can possible recover the confusion it has been thrown into the Merchants & Inhabitants who had fled up into the Country are every day returning but their attentions are chiefly engaged in their Domestick concern and till those are regulated little can be expected in the way of trade as soon as we find it practicable we shall set about providing Redwood that we may supply you agreable to your request but we cannot give any assurance of success especially as we shall want much for our own repairs, as well as all other kind of Timber and plank and if you can assist Us with any the Service will be very acceptable.

Great part of the last Crops of grain in the Countries round us having been destroyed or consumed We have great reason to apprehend a Scarcity and as we have but little remaining of our Garrison Store We must earnestly press for as supplys of Rice as you can possible send Us; to encourage the present importation. We have thought it proper to allow all grain & provisions of very kind to be brought in free of duty untill the last day of August next.

It gives us great pleasure [that] Your Honour &ca. can assist us in the disposal of the Ordinary Broad Cloths if they should not upon tryal go off [better than you have] done; we shall take every good oppertunity [. . .]what we cannot sell and we [. . .] copper.

Great part of the Salt Petre we had in store having been distroyed by the Enemy's Shells we must request a large supply of this article also.

We have long been in expectation of the Warren as your Honour &ca. acquaint Us of your intention to dispatch her the Middle of January should she arrive, we shall have but little to put on board her great part of the cloth

we had ready embaled for Europe having been consumed by Fire, as well as our sorting Godown, however we purpose sending her away immediately after her arrival with what we may have ready.

The Shaftesbury arrived here during the Siege and having received much damage by the Enemy's Shot we shall send her in a few days to Batavia to refit and return here with Timber & plank which we hope may be done in time for her to proceed this season to China.

The Tilbury Britannia Winchelsea & Prince of Wales arrived here from Bombay the 16th. Instant under Convoy of his Majestys Ship Queenborough and the Companys Frigate Revenge. The Tilbury and Britannia we have thoughts of sending to the Negrais to fetch away the Company's Servants and Effects only leaving a few people there merely to keep possession, and at the same time to bring Us what timber & plank may be ready and the Winchelsea and Prince of Wales are to Cruise with the Queenborough & Revenge untill the proper season for dispatching them with the Tilbury Britannia & Shaftesbury to China.

We are advised from Anjengo that the Drake and True Briton arrived there the 9th. December having been obliged to put in at Columbo in great distress by sickness the same Letter adds that the Stretham & East court appear'd off Onore the 23 December.

Our Cash is reduced very low and our Expences are great we hope the Warren will bring Us a supply from you besides the Gold from England if she should not we shall be under a necessity of taking part of the Treasure intended for China as we do not expect we shall find oppertunity of [dr]awing on you for any considerable sum.

We dispatch this to you by the Catherine [. . .] that [Ve]ssell arrived at Pulicat during the Siege, we sent [. . .] [Pr]esident there to imploy her in cruising off that port [. . .] to all Vessells passing of our situation, Capt. Vetch the Commander dyed shortly and there being no person on board capable of taking the Command a Master was put in as part of her Cargo consisted of Grain We have landed it here, and taken it for the Company the rest of the Cargo shall be sold for the benefit of the Owners the produce paid into Cash; and we will grant a Bill on your Hon^{r}. &c^{a}. for the amount, and shall at the same time send an Account of the whole of which your Honour &c^{a}. will please to let the Owners be informed.

We have drawn on your Honour &c^{a}. two setts of Bills of Exchange of this date payable at ten days sight one sett for Twenty thousand (20000) Cur^{t}. Rup^{s}. payable to W^{m}. Fullerton Esq^{r}. or order value received of M^{r}. Andrew Ross one for four thousand and Ninety one Current Rupees six annas (4091–6) payable to M^{r}. Hugh Baillie or order value received of M^{r}. Andrews Ross which we request you will Honour.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT &C^{A}. COUNCIL.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
1 MARCH 1759.

N^{o}. 2.

To JOHN ANDREWS ESQ^{R}.
CHIEF OF VIZAGAPATAM.

SIR,

We have received your several Letters of the 14th. 16th. & 19 December 1758 and 5th. & 6th. January last we wrote to Colonel Forde, and conclude you have heard from him, that this place was Invested by the French Army

the 14th. Decembr. they opened their Batterys the 2nd. of January and pushed their Sap to the very crest of our Glacis where they erected a Battery in Breach which proved inaffectual [*sic*] and we have the pleasure to inform you that the Enemy was compelled to raise the siege the 17th. Instant.

We must acknowledge the Rajah's question upon your request of Countrys to be [very] reasonable and yet we can give no direct answer unless it [. . .] in proportion to the Revenues he shall thing [*sic*] proper to assign the Company will be encouraged to send out men to protect and [defend] and that in the meanwhile We shall from time to [time] as many men as the [circumstances . . .] We cannot stipulate for any particular number of Europeans.

We are sorry to observe that the difference between Colonel Forde and the Rajah are likely to prevent those advantages which might otherwise have been drawn from his Victory over the French, We hope you have been able to reconcile them but as We are in a State of Uncertanty [*sic*] what may have hapened since the date of your last Letter, We do not think it adviseable to send you any further supply of Cash untill we have some further Grounds to think it may be employed to advantage; indeed we could not were We ever so inclined spare you much at this time our Expences have been exceeding great and now must encrease by our Armys taking the Field, and we are not certain what supplys we may have from Bengal; this you may depend on that should your future advices encourage Us to hope for a good Investment after Making a prudent provision for our own more urgent demands we will then send you what further sums we can.

The Gentlemen at Bengal wrote Us in December that they intended to dispatch the Warren to Us about the middle of January she is not yet arrived, but not knowing the cause of her detention, we continue in expectation of her we purpose dispatching her to Europe as soon after her arrival as possible, tho We have very little to put on board towards filling her up, as great part of the Cloth We had embaled for Europe has been unfortunately burnt by the Enemys shells falling into the sorting Godown which now lyes in ruins, if you should have any cloth ready, and can send it up in time for the Warren, it may be some help and will save so much dead freight.

All the Country about us having been ravaged by the Enemys Troops, and perhaps not much less by our own black Army, We fear a scarcity of Grain may ensue, to prevent which as much as possible, We have declared this Port free for the importation of all Grain and Provisions, without duty untill the last day of August next, you must second this encouragement by all the Means you can & endeavour to prevail on the Merchants [to send] Us as much as possible they will in all probability meet with a good Market.

Our Warehouses are in such disorder [that the] Course of business so much interrupted that untill things [. . .] We cannot comply with Your Indents, indeed we should not think of detaining this Sloop the Catherine on that account as she is dispatched with advices to Bengal and has orders to touch at Vizagapatam only to deliver this Letter and proceed you will not therefore detain her.

We are
Sr.
Your affectionate Friends
George Pigot &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
the 1st. March 1759.

No. 3.

To His Excellency Jacob Mossel General of Infantry in The Service of the States of the United Netherlands Governour General of the Netherlands India &c^a. &c^a. &c^a. and to the Gentlemen of the Council at Batavia.

May it please Your Excellency

and

Gentlemen

You have doubtless been particularly informed of the Large Force which the French landed on this Coast the last Year under the Command of Lieutenant General Lally and of several Military Operations on their part and ours till the setting in of the last Rains, that season of the year having obliged the Kings squadron to leave this Coast as well to avoid the Danger of the Monsoon as to refit, Our Enemy's took that Occasion to Invest this place on the 12^th. of December, encouraged to it by advices that our expected succours not being able to reach Us had proceeded to Bombay, they opened their Batterys against our Town the 2 of January and pushed their Sap to the very Crest of our Glacis where they erected a Battery in Breach but notwithstanding their utmost Efforts we have the pleasure to inform you that after having sustained a great loss of Men and expended much ammunition they were obliged to raise the siege on the 17^th. of February and retire with precipitation we cannot help taking Notice that the Enemy when they sat down before this place having left Us in possession of a strong Country Fort near Sadras called Chingleput where we had a good Garrison they soon found that faux pas exposed all their stores passing by land from Pondicherry to the hazard of interception, and to remedy the fault did not scruple to take a step which we know not how they mean to Justify, they seized upon your Fort of sadras turned out your Guards mounted their own and forcibly detained as prisoners several of the Inhabitants of this settlement (Men, Women & children) who had resorted thither for the protection of your Flag during the siege. We cannot in justice to ourselves avoid complaining loudly of this atrocious Violation of the Law of Nations which we doubt not will excite your just indignation and determine you to such measures as may procure yourselves and Us ample satisfaction thus possessed of this Hold they found no further difficulty in passing their Stores which enabled them to press us with great vigour. The severe Bombardment, which we have endured has almost laid our town in Ruins, and We stand in need of Large quantitys of Timber and Plank for the immediate necessary Repairs, under these Circumstances We doubt not but your Excellency and you Gentlemen will at the request We have now the Honour to make you not only permit to be purchased. but even lend your Friendly aid towards procuring with all possible Expedition a Cargo of Timber and plank for the ship we now send to your port called the Shaftesbury Commanded by Captain Cornelius Inglis who has our full powers for that purpose and in case (contrary to our hope and expectation) a full Cargo of those Articles should not be procurable, in that case we request you will permit him to compleat his Loading with Sugar & Arrack for the Use of our Garrison, our Stores being much exhausted by the Long continuance of the Siege That same ship came into our Road during the Siege in spite of all opposition from two of the Enemys ships of Force which then layed here and afterwards for several days sustained a warm fire from their Batterys while she landed some necessary Stores by which she has suffered considerable

damage, for the expeditiously repairing whereof we hope and request you will give immediate Orders as the speedy return of the Ship to Us is of great importance.

We have the Honour to be
May it please your Excellency and
FORT ST. GEORGE GENTLEMEN
4TH. MARCH 1759. Your most Obedient and most humble Servants

G. PIGOT.
W. PERCEVAL.
J. SMITH.
C. BOURCHIER.
J. PYBUS.
H. VANSITTART.
R. FAIRFIELD.

No. 4.

TO CAPTAIN CORNELIUS INGLIS
OF THE SHIP SHAFTESBURY.

SIR

As we are much in want of Timber and Plank for repairing the Damages the Companys Buildings and works have sustained during the siege, and as you have represented to Us that it is also necessary you should proceed to some convenient Port to repair the Damages your ship has suffered by the Enemys shot whilst you lay in the Road, we have determined to send you to Batavia, not doubting but that you will be able to refit your Ship procure a Cargo of Timber and Plank and return hither in good time to proceed to Canton, to which Place it is our intention to dispatch you according to your original destination.

As we place great confidence in your good management we do hereby appoint you the Honble Companys Agent for purchasing a Cargo of Timber and Plank at Batavia for which purpose we have Laden and consigned to you by the Shaftesbury two chests of Dollars poizᵍ. 581 Lb. 4 Ounces and if this sum should not be sufficient We do empower you to take up as much more as may be necessary and draw Bills on Us for the same, and for your Guidance as to the Sorts and Sizes of Timbers and planks we would have purchased we enclose a List or Indent to which we refer.

In Case (contrary to our expectation) you should not be able to procure a full Loading of Timber and Plank, in that case we would have the deficiency whatever it be filled up with Arrack & Sugar on the Companys Account, and that you may be the better enabled to effect these purposes we herewith deliver you a Letter to the General & Council of Batavia requesting them to give you all necessary assistance.

As an encouragement to you to exert yourself in the faithfull discharge of the Trust hereby reposed in you we do promise you a gratuity or Commission of five ℔ Cent on the amount of the Invoice of the Cargo so to be purchased by you to be paid on the Delivery thereof at this Port.

Tho' we have Commission'd you to purchase a Cargo on the Honble Company's Accoᵗ. We do not mean to have the ship detained for that purpose but whilst she is repairing you may be providing the proper quantitys and sorts and have every thing in readiness, that so you may not on that account run the least risque of arriving here later than the End of June, and we hope to see you back sooner.

In case of your death before you shall have executed this commission, We do hereby appoint the Commander of the Ship Shaftesbury for the time being the Honble Companys Agent for all and every the purposes above expressed.

On Receit hereof you are directed to repair on board and wind and weather permitting make the best of your way to Batavia according to the Intention of these Instructions We wish you a good Voyage and date this in

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 4TH. MARCH 1759.

G. PIGOT.
W. PERCEVAL.
J. SMITH.
C. BOURCHIER.
J. PYBUS.
H. VANSITTART.
R. FAIRFIELD.

INDENT FOR TEAK TIMBERS & PLANK TO BE PROVIDED AT BATAVIA ℔ SHAFTESBURY.

TEAK TIMBERS.

20 . . . Twenty	. . . From 20 to 28 feet long	. . . from 12 to 15 Inches square.
50 . . . Fifty	. . . From 22 to 24 feet Long	. . . from 16 to 18 Inches square.
100 . . . Hundred	. . . From 22 to 24 feet Long	. , from 7 by 9 Inches square.
100 . . . Hundred	. . . From 16 to 18 feet Long	. . and 12 Inches square.
100 . . . Hundred	. . . From 16 to 18 feet Long	. . and 6 Inches square.

TEAK PLANK.

50 Fifty of 18 Inches broad . . 6 Inches thick . . and length above 12 feet.

100 Hundred of $4\frac{1}{2}$ Inches thick 16 Inches broad any length above 11 feet.

300 Hundred of $3\frac{1}{4}$ Inches thick 10 Inches broad & not less than $9\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

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200 Hundred of $2\frac{1}{4}$ to $2\frac{1}{2}$ thick 19 Inches broad & 20 to 24 feet Long.

[The] Scrupulous nicety is not necessary in the Dimentions provided the Timbers are sound and the Plank not split, if the quantitys above mention'd should be more than the ship can take in, omit a proportionable number of each except of the twenty Long Timbers which are [absolutely] wanted.

The Plank should be all sawn Plank and the Timbers square or as near it as can be, that is to say they must not be the Tree as it grows because such Timbers show to disadvantage and cut to wast in the working.

FORT ST. GEORGE
4TH. MARCH 1759.

JOHN CALL, *Engr.*

No. 5.

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have received your three Letters of the 18th. November 2d. and 15 December the last by the Tilbury Britannia Winchelsea and Prince of Wales which arrived here under Convoy of the Queenborough and Revenge the 16 of last Month, the Shaftesbury parted with them off Ceylone and imported here the 30th. of January.

We have the pleasure to learn from Anjengo that the Stretham and Eastcourt were arrived there and from Bengal that the Bombay Castle and Prince George had proceeded directly thither without touching on the Coast.

We were in expectation of seeing the Warren here from Bengal partly loaded to be filled up by Us and sent home but we are informed by private Letters that upon receiving the news of our being besieged the Gentlemen there were about landing, what had been loaded on her for Europe; which makes Us apprehensive we shall not have any ship proceed from hence to England this Season, indeed we can furnish but little towards a Cargo, the goods we had in our Warehouse having been set on fire by the Enemys shells and a great part consumed.

The Shaftesbury having received considerable damage from the Enemys shot whilst she lay in our Road We have dispatched her to Batavia to refit and return here with Cargo of Timber of Plank, which we expect may be performed in time for her to proceed to China with the other ships.

The great damage the Company's Buildings and Works have sustained require much Timber and Plank for their repair whatever you can assist us with of those articles will be very acceptable.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Servants
GEORGE PIGOT &C^{A}. COUNCIL.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
5TH MARCH 1759.

N^{o}. 6.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT CLIVE ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We addressed you the 1st. Instant by the Catherine Sloop and a Duplicate now waits on you herewith by the Companys Sloop Sea Horse.

We have drawn on your Honour & Eight Setts of bills of Exchange of this date payable at ten days sight to the undermentioned persons.

Setts.	To whom payable.	Value of whom receiv'd.	ARs.	a.	p.	CRs.	a.	p.
1	Hugh Watts ..	John Pybus ..	1436	8	—	1551	6	8
1	Manningham & Frankland.	Herry Vansittart. [*sic*]	6000	—	—	6480	—	—
1	William Fullerton ..	James Wilson ..	10000	—	—	16200	—	—
1	William Fullerton ..	Andrew Ross ..	18518	8	4	20000	—	—
1	William Rider ..	George Stratton ..	1941	12	8	2097	2	9
1	Charles Dougles ..	Alexander Dalrimple.	1220	—	—	1317	9	7
1	D^{o}.	D^{o}.	852	3	6	920	6	4
1	Thomas French ..	D^{o}.	367	—	—	396	5	9
8 setts amounting to		ARs.	45336	—	6[*sic*]	48962	14	6

Eight Setts of Bills amounting to Forty Eight thousand nine hundred and sixty Current Rupees fourteen annas and six pies.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
7 MARCH 1759.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most Obedient Servants

G. PIGOT.
W. PERCEVAL.
J. SMITH.
C. BOURCHIER.
J. PYBUS
H. VANSITTART.
R. FAIRFIELD

No. 7.

TO CAPT. ALEXANDER BARCLAY
OF THE SLOOP SEA HORSE.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board and make the best of your way to Fort William in Bengal where on your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packet to the President and Council and follow their Orders for your hither proceedings.

DATED IN FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 7 MARCH 1759.

No. 8.

TO CAPTAIN JOHN BLEWIT
OF THE SHIP BRITANNIA.

SIR

You are hereby Ordered to repair on Board and make the best of Your Way to Puliacat Road where you are to Anchor and receive on board all such Timber and Plank as shall be there tender'd to you on the Honble Companys Account by Mr. Alexander Leigh and you are then to return back with all diligence to this Port.

DATED IN FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 16 MARCH 1759.

No. 9.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT CLIVE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last dated the 7th. Instant waited on You by the Honble Companys Sloop Sea Horse.

The 18th. of December last we drew on you two Bills one for Current Rupees 3000 payable to Capt. Matthys Frantzen the other for 2790 Arcot Rupees

payable to Charles Lewis Hagemaster and a Letter of advise accompanyed them but we promised to acquaint you by another oppertunity of the Occasion of those Draughts at the time the French invested this Place the Snow Victoria belonging to the Dutch in Bengal was lying in Our Road, we found it necessary to employ her in the Company's Service but the Master Matthys Frantzen could not be prevailed on to sell her, we therefore gave him an obligation to be answerable to the Owners in Bengal for her Value; and the abovementioned Bill of 3000 C.R. in full for the adventure he had on board her on his own account, the other Bill for ARs. 2790 was on account of some wheat landed from the same Snow we have since settled with Mr. Hegemeister of Pulicat the Agent for the Owners and Freighters of the Snow and paid him in full of all demands seven thousand Arcot Rupees for the Vessell And appurtenances. Two thousand Arcot Rupees in lieu of Freight which the Owners would have had if the Vessell had not been detained one thousand Pagodas to the Freighters as a Compensation for their Loss, with all the said agent has confessed himself fully satisfied. We are thus particular that in case any demand should be made on your Honour &c. or the detention of the Snow be urged on any occasion You may be assured that affair has been settled to the Content of the parties.

In our Letter of the first Instant We advised you that upon the decease of the Master of the Catherine Sloop (which we had employed in Cruizing off of Pulicat during the Siege) there being no person to manage the Concerns of that Vessell we ordered the Cargo to be sold for the benefit of the Owners and the produce to be paid to Us, this has been in part executed and we have received on that Account the Value of two thousand One hundred and forty two Arcot Rupees (ARs. 2142) making at Eight ℔ Cent Batta Two thousand three hundred and thirteen Current Rupees five Anaes and Nine Pice (2313–5–9) which sum we request you will pay to the legal Claimant who we are informed is Mr. Schreuder.

We have drawn on Your Honour &ca. four setts of Bills of Exchange all dated the 20th. Instant and payable at ten days sight as under:

Setts.	To whom payable.	Value of whom receiv'd.	ARs.	A.	P.	CRs.	A.	P.
1	Emanuel Hendrick Kantzow of Hughley.	Charles Lewis Hagemeisr of Pulicat.	10435	—	—	11269	12	10
1	Capt. John Mackmath.	Andrew Ross ..	943	13	—	1019	5	—
1	John Baptist Trembly.	Do. ..	296	—	—	319	10	11
1	Dauchlin Mclean ..	Do. ..	1511	9	2	1632	8	—
4	Setts amounting to	ARs.	13186	6	2	14241	4	9

Four Setts amounting to Fourteen thousand two hundred and forty one Current Rupees four Anaes and Nine Pice.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Servants

Fort St. George
24 March 1759.

G. Pigot.
J. Smith.
C. Bourchier.
J. Pybus.
H. Vansittart.
R. Fairfield.

N°. 10.

To JOHN ANDREWS ESQR.
CHIEF OF VIZAGAPATAM.

SIR

We wrote to you the 1st. Instant and have not received any Letters from You since those We then acknowledged nor have we any Certain Advices what ship or ships were intended to be sent Us up from Bengal this season should any arrive here it will now be too late for the passage to Europe.

The reasons we gave you in our last for not sending You any Money still subsist and must continue untill We receive supplys from Bengal or England.

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
G. PIGOT.
J. SMITH.
C. BOURCHIER.
J. PYBUS.
H. VANSITTART.
R. FAIRFIELD.

FORT ST. GEORGE
24TH. MARCH 1759.

N°. 11.

To THE HONBLE ROBERT CLIVE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL.
AT FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This serves to accompany duplicate of our last dated the 24th. Instant and to advise that We have drawn on You two setts of Bills of this date payable at ten days sight as follows Vizt.

Setts.	To whom payable.	Value receiv'd.							
1	The Honble Robert Clive Esqr.	John Pybus and Henry Vansittart.	2000	—	—	2160	—	—
1	Capt. Peter Duncan ..	Henry Van Sittart.	13000	—	—	14040	—	—
2	Setts amounting to.	ARs.	15000	—	—	16200	—	—

Two setts amounting to Sixteen thousand two Hundred Current Rupees.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants
GEORGE PIGOT &CA. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
28TH. MARCH 1759.

No. 12.

To Capt. Roger Mainwaring
of the Ship Tilbury.

Sir

You are hereby orderd to repair on board and make the best of your way to Puliacat Road where you are to Anchor and receive on board all such Timber and Plank as shall be there tenderd to you on the Honble Companys Account by Mr. Alexander Leigh and you are then to return back with all diligence to this Port Dated in

Fort St. George
the 1st. April 1759.

No. 13.

To the Honble Robert Clive Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We addressed you last by the Ship Garges the 28th. March and this waits on you by the Thames on which we have laden and consigned to You one hundred Bales of Broad Cloth Ordinary fifty Bales of Broad Cloth Aurora and fifty Bales of Perpetuanoes Ordinary as ℘ Invoice and Bill of Loading enclosed. We are induced to make you this consignment from the encouragement you give Us in your Letter of the 12th. Septr. last finding little probability of an advantageous sale here we purpose shortly to make a tryal of our Copper at Outcry and if that should not sell as We expect We shall send a part down to You in consequence of what you write Us on that subject the 24th. December last.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants
George Pigot &ca. Council

Fort St. George
10 April 1759.

P.S. Capt. Spelman who came out in the Duke of Dorset in 1755 on your Establishment but was detained, & has been employed ever since at this Place proceeds by this oppertunity We must request that his Detention here may not prejudice him in his Rank with you.

No. 14.

To Messrs Henry Palmer, John Burrow, George Mandevile, Thomas Lockwood, Alexander Hume, William Mackenzie, Joseph Harrington, Francis Wood, and James Flint, Supra Cargoes of Council at Canton.

Gentlemen

We addressed you the 23 of September last by the Honble Company's Ship Pitt and were in great hopes she might have saved her passage but having since heard that she was at Malacca so late as in the Month of November we fear it proved impracticable.

The 23d. of last Month we received your Letter of the 15th. December.

The Ships of the last season bound for this Coast & China, Vizt. Rhoda, Tilbury, Winchelsea, Prince of Wales, Shaftesbury and Britannia under Convoy of his Majestys ships Grafton and Sunderland proceeded to Bombay having first touched at Goa the beginning of November this deviation might have proved of fatal consequence to the Company's Affairs for as the expectation of those succours had probably prevented any attempt against this settlement so the news of their being on the other Coast no sooner reached Mr. Lally who then lay with the Frech [*sic*] Army about sixty Miles distant from Us then he determined to form the siege of this Place. We did not think it adviseable to oppose him in the field as his numbers were greatly superior to ours and our army therefore having retraited [*sic*] into Garrison the French Army sat down before this Fort the 12th. December the 6th. of January they opened their Batterys pushed their Sap to the Very Crest of Glacis where they constructed a Breach Battery but as they had never been able to take off our Defences which we constantly repaired every night Our superior Fire soon obliged them to abandon this last Battery, they continued however to Fire from their other Batterys till the 16th. of February when our long expected succours arriving hastened the retreat which they had meditated some days before, the 17th. they raised the siege and marched off with the small remains of their Army We shortly after took the Field and both our army and theirs are both in the Arcot Country.

The Rhoda one of the ships intended for China has been detained at Bombay to come round with the Kings squadron the arrival of which we daily expect.

The Shaftesbury parted from the other four in their passage from Bombay and arrived here the 30th. January, the Enemy had then two ships lying in the Road, one of them of superior Force which obliged the Shaftesbury to haul close under our Guns where she layed several days exposed to the Fire from the Enemys Batterys by which she has suffered so much that we have found it necessary to send her to Batavia to refit she sailed the 4th. of March and we hope she may be back in good time to proceed to you.

As you particularly desire that the ships of last season may be enabled to arrive with you as early as possible, we now dispatch to you the Winchelsea and Prince of Wales The ruinous state of all our Buildings and the necessity of repairing them as expeditiously as possible has obliged us to employ the Tilbury and Britannia to fetch up a Parcell of Timber and Plank from Pulicat that service we believe may be compleated by the end of this Month and we then propose to dispatch those two ships to you also and the Rhoda and Shaftesbury shall follow as soon as possible after their arrival.

Besides the Treasure consigned to You by the Court of Directors on the abovementioned six ships each of them brought five Chests consigned to Us, but with Orders to forward them to you these Orders were given upon a supposition that we should be fully supplyed from Bengal with money for all our demands the stock we have at present by Us is far short of what the Expences of our Army alone will require and we are very doubtfull whether we shall receive any assistance from Bengal this season which lays Us under the necessity of detaining the ten Chests which should otherwise have been sent you by these two Ships, and should we not receive supplys from Bengal or England before the departure of the other Ships we shall be obliged to keep the rest, but of this We shall write You particularly by each ship.

You will easily conceive that the scene we have passed thro' has put it out of our power to provide any Redwood or other Articles proper for the China Market.

We are sorry to find that the Company's Ships of last season were likely to be so much distressed by the want of the Men who were taken out of them for the service of his Majestys Squadron, it was done by the Admirals own Authority and it is not in our power to prevent it.

We are much surprised at the Information You give Us of 120 Pieces of scarlet Cloth from Pondicherry being put on board the Macao Ship St. Catherine in our Road and Consigned to a french Gentleman at Canton, these Macao ships generally touch at all or most of the principal Ports on the Coast from Negapatam to this place and are Certainly at liberty to Trade at every one and take on board what Freight they please whether the Goods you mention were taken in at this Port or any other we do not know, but in an open Road such as ours it is without doubt very practicable for Boats in the Night from any of the other settlements to put on board any ship what goods they please without any possibility of prevention from Us, this you may be assured of, that such a transaction never should have been and never shall be suffered here to our knowledge.

We refer to the list of the Packet for the Papers forwarded to you and are

FORT ST. GEORGE
16 APRIL 1759.

GENTLEMEN
Your most Humble Servants

G. PIGOT.
J. SMITH.
C. BOURCHIER.
J. PYBUS.
H. VANSITTART.
R. FAIRFIELD.
S. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.

LIST OF THE PACKET ℔ WINCHELSEA.

1 General Letter to Canton dated 16 April 1759.
2 Duplicate General Letters ℔ Pitt dated 23 September 1758.
3 Duplicate Invoice of the Pitt.
4 Second Bill of Loading of the Pitt.
5 Manifest of Private Trade licensed to be laden in England on board the Winchelsea.
6 Account of Private Trade landed at Fort St. George from the Winchelsea.
7 Account Current with the Owners of the Winchelsea for deficiencys in the consignments to this presidency this paper to be forwarded to England in your Packet by the same ship.
8 Copy of the Winchelseas Victualling Bill.
9 Copy of Capt. Hows sailing Orders.

FORT ST. GEORGE
16 APRIL 1759.

JOS: DU PRE'
Sec.

LIST OF THE PACKET ℔ PRINCE OF WALES.

1 General Letter to Canton dated 16 April 1759.
2 Duplicate General Letters ℔ Pitt dated 23 September 1758.
3 Manifest of Private trade licensed to be laden in England on board the Prince of Wales.
4 Account of private trade landed at Fort St. George from the Prince of Wales.
5 Copy of the Prince of Wales Victualling Bill.

6 Account Current with the Owners of the Prince of Wales for deficiencys in the Consignments to the Presidency—this Paper to be forwarded to England in Your Packet by the same Ship.

7 Copy of Capt. Robert's Sailing Orders.

FORT ST. GEORGE
16 APRIL 1759.

JOS: DU PRÉ,
Sec.

No. 15.

TO CAPT. WILLIAM ROBERTS OF THE SHIP PRINCE OF WALES.

SIR

You are hereby required to repair on board and wind and Weather permitting make the best of your Way to Conton in China on Your Arrival there You are to deliver the accompanying Packet to Messrs. Henry Palmer, John Burrow, George Mandeville, Thomas Lockwood, Alexander Hume, William Mackenzie, Joseph Harrington, Francis Wood and James Flint Supra Cargoes of Council for the Company's Affairs in China or to such of them as shall be there and follow their Orders for your further proceedings Dated in

FORT ST. GEORGE
16 APRIL 1759.

Signed as the G. Letter.

The like Orders to the Honble Thos. Howe Capt. of the Winchelsea dated the same day.

No. 16.

TO JOHN ANDREWS ESQR.
CHIEF OF VIZAGAPATAM.

SIR

By the Snow Concern We received your Letter of the 4th. March with the Bales you Consigned Us on the Companys Account, the Cloth not being Yet sorted We cannot say any thing of the quality we have since received by the Warren Your Letter of the 16th. March and are sorry we cannot at present make any advantage of the oppertunity which you say now Offers of a good Investment for want of money but even if that difficulty did not exist We are far from thinking your Residence at Vizagapatam so secure as to Warrant our sending you any money Wares or Stores untill we hear further.

We observe by Your Accounts you have taken the old Books for your Model and have Debted the Merchants for money advanced on account of the Investment which We disapprove; the Chief must be debted to Cash for such advances and Credited by the Cloth when brought into your warehouse; in other Respects we have not yet thoroughly Considered on what plan it may be most proper to reestablish a Factory or Factorys in the Northern Province, We reserve this as a subject which may be better digested when We see a greater prospect of tranquility and security in the mean time we must recommend to you to be as Moderate as possible in Your Expences which at present appear large.

As all Affairs of a Military Nature are transacted by Us in a Department seperate from Commercial and other affairs you must never blend one with the other in the same Letter but write Us separately concerning each.

We are
SIR
Your Affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT &C^A. COUNCIL.

FORT S^T. GEORGE
20^TH. APRIL 1759.

N^o. 17.

TO JOHN ANDREWS ESQ^R.
CHIEF OF VIZAGAPATAM.

SIR

Since closing our Letter of yesterday We have received the agreable News of Colonel Fordes success in taking of Metchlapatam as great Benefits may arise to the Company from the possession of this place and the Directions to be given concerning it ought to be founded upon a thorough knowledge of all its advantages and disadvantages in respect of Trade; Revenues and otherwise, the knowledge You have of the Country will enable you the more readily to satisfy Us in these particulars, We therefore would have you leave the Charge of Vizagapatam to M^r. Heath and proceed to Mazulipatam and upon Colonel Fordes quitting it take upon you the charge of that settlement, your Enquiries are particularly to be directed to the discovery of the Advantages that may accrue to the Company by Trade and Revenues and how the latter arise, the natural strength of the place and the improvements that May be made in the Work's require the Judgment of an Engineer and we may probably hereafter send one for that purpose.

We are
SIR
Your affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT &C^A. COUNCIL

FORT S^T. GEORGE
THE 21^ST. APRIL 1759

N^o. 18.

TO MESS^RS. H^Y. PALMER, JOHN BURROW, GEORGE MANDEVILLE,
THOMAS LOCKWOOD, ALEXANDER HUME, W^M. MACKENZIE,
JOSEPH HARRINGTON, FRANCIS WOOD AND JAMES
FLINT, SUPRA CARGOS OF COUNCIL AT CANTON.

GENTLEMEN

Our Dispatch to you by these Ships were closed the 15^th. but before they were delivered to the Captains Intelligence arriving that our Army in the Field had taken, Conjeveram by Storm and that Major Brereton who Commands and several of the principal officers were wounded we were desirous of being satisfyed whether the Majors wounds were such as would render it impossible for him to keep the Field Colonel Draper having promised the President in that Case that he would alter his resolution of going to England at this time by the Way of China, but Major Brereton acquainting Us that he had received no material hurt Colonel Draper as well as Capt. Jasper and Captain Dickenson proceed on the Winchelsea and We are to request they may be accomodated with passage home.

The Company have directed Us not to suffer any passengers to go home by the way of China but the number of Persons who are desirous of returning to England and the few conveyances from the Coast oblige Us to permit these

gentlemen to take their passage on the China ship which We doubt not the Court of Directors will approve when they know the Cause.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servants
G. PIGOT.
J. SMITH.
C. BOURCHIER.
J. PYBUS.
H. VANSITTART.
R. FAIRFIELD.
S. ARDLEY.
CHA^{s}. TURNER.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
21 APRIL 1759.

N^{o}. 19.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT CLIVE ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

By the Thames We addressed you, the 10th. of last Month the Warren imported here the 9th. and brought Us your Letters of the 25 January and 2^{d}. February and the 5th. Instant we receiv'd those of the 20th. and 27th. March by the Charley.

The Deficiencys in the Cargo you Consigned Us by the Thames were very large, but as We were unacquainted on what terms you had employed that Ship in the Companys Service, We rather chose to leave it to you to settle those Deficiencys with the Owners than to demand the Amount of the Captain here, the Accounts could not be finished in time to be sent you by the Thames but they are enclosed now.

M^{r}. Percival being dead and no person having yet administred to his Estate We are obliged to return the Bill which you remitted Us in your Letter of the 25 January upon him for Ar^{s}. 7236–14–3 with a protest for non-payment.

We have taken Measures for providing the Redwood you desire and hope in the Course of the season to be able to send You all or the greatest part of what you Indent for if we find Conveyances.

Not one of the King of Siams ships have imported here this season should any oppertunity offer of obtaining satisfaction for the Owners of the Northumberland we shall not neglect it.

As M^{r}. Amphlets services are Usefull to You to you [*sic*] in the Engineering Branch we consent to his continuing at Bengal as long as that duty may require it without prejudice to his standing on this Establishment.

We shall have Bales enough with the Salt Petre on Board the Warren to make up her Tonnage We are preparing for her dispatch to England which may be compleated some time in the next month.

As Your Letter by the Warren did not reach Us till the 10th. April we thought it too late to relieve the Hardwicke or send You one of the China Ships to be dispatched home this season.

In your Letter of the 2^{d}. February you advise Us of your Intentions to send Us the Bombay Castle with Provisions, but We since hear You have dispatched her to England.

Captain Glover parted from the Danes Ship you put under his Convoy off Pondicherry and We have since heard that she proceeded to Tranquebar from whence We have received a Long protest, the purport of which we do

not know not having yet been able to get it translated, nine of the thirteen French Gentlemen you Charged Capt. Glover with were on board this Ship and We have not heard any thing of them.

We purpose in a few days to dispatch to You the Honble Companys Snow Victoria and shall take that opportunity to send you twenty Pipes of Madeira Wine which tho' but a small quantity, is all that remains after allowing the Companys Servants Civil and Military without distinction of Rank only one third of a pipe each.

Mr. Newton writes Us from the Negrais that he has provided there on the Companys Account Four thousand Timbers, these would be of great service to Us there are also many Stores there to a large amount which we have not at present any means to fetch away, We shall make Use of all the oppertunities that offer and request that you do the same.

An intercepted Letter from Mr. Lally inform Us that he intended to burn and destroy the Black Town but our succours arrived oppertunely and obliged him to retreat precipitately without executing that part of his purpose but he had some time before given [*sic*] Orders for demolishing the Houses of the Europeans in the Environs and at the Mount which were executed as far as they were able, and the same has been done at Fort St. David. The English Women who were detained as prisoners at Sadras were released some time after the Siege was raised but not so soon as they might have been nor was those Usage there such as might have been expected tho far better than what they would have received (according to the Confession of the French Officers there) had Mr. Lallys orders been complied with.

The Chest of treasure lodged in Your Godown marked No. 4 R B b'longs to Mr. Richard Brickenden of this place to whose Order you will please to deliver it, we have not yet learnt to whom the other belongs mark'd No. 5 I B.

The Burthen of the George Freighted by Us in 1756 for the Negrais was 150 Tons and her sailing Charges about 800 Arcot Rupees ℔ M.

We have received by the Charley the four Chests of Sonaut Rupees, We will endeavour to get her unloaded in the limited time.

We could have wished your Honour &ca. had sent Us up by the Warren the Consignments publick & private for this Presidency from England by the Hardwicke many applications have been made to Us on this Head.

We advised you under date the 10th. April that we should make a Tryal of our Copper at Outcry, and if it did not sell to advantage Consign it to You, but the whole has been sold at better prices than Usual.

By the Rhoda We have received a Packet from the Hon'ble Court of Directors under your address which we now forward.

We have drawn on Your Honour &ca. three setts of Bills of Exchange all dated the 8th. Instant payable at ten days sight as follows.

Setts.	To whom payable.	Value receiv'd.	ARs.	A.	P.	CRs.	A.	P.
1	To Richard Beecher Esqr.	Charles Bourchier Esqr.	26566	10	8	28692	—	—
1	To Mess. Manningham & Frankland.	Henry VanSittart Esqr.	1108	12	10	1197	8	1
1	To Mr. Anselme Beaumont.	Do.	3520	12	—	3802	6	6
3	Setts amounting to.		31196	3	—	33691	14	7

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Servants
George Pigot &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
10th. May 1759.

No. 20.

To the Honble Robert Clive Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last went by the Argyle Sloop under date the 10th. Instant, we have since received your several Letters of the 27th. March by the Ship Fort William and Duplicate of the same date, the original by the Sloop Lyon not yet arrived and by the Leopard Snow one of the 2nd. April with a Duplicate of the same date the original by the Fort William Schooner not Yet arrived.

We are obliged to Your Honour &ca. for the supply of Sonaut Rupees you have sent Us our Silver Mint having been entirely demolished and not Yet rebuilt We cannot advise You exactly how those Rupees turn out here but this We hope to do by the next oppertunity. Gold Mohurs generally sell here from $3\frac{3}{4}$ to $3\frac{7}{8}$ Pagodas each.

As we cannot now expect any further Remittances from You besides what you advice of in your abovementioned Letters before September We shall probably know by that time what We are to expect from England and will write you particularly, in the mean time we will continue agreable to Your desire, to draw on You for what sums may present.

In our Letter of the 24th. March we requested You to pay the legal Claimant Ars. 2142 for the produce of part of the Cargo of the Catherine Sloop, as soon as the rest of her Cargo can be sold, it shall be remitted in the same manner we have no account of what was delivered from that sloop at Vizagapatam for the Use of the Troops with Colonel Forde, but as all the accounts of that expedition, are transmitted to You, we imagine you will from them be enabled to settle with the Owners; It was always our intention to make them some allowance for their Loss and for the Service of the Sloop to the Company, and all things considered, We think one thousand Rupees will be an ample Compensation, which sum We therefore request You will please to pay Mr. Schroder.

We enclose a Copy of the 19th. paragraph of a General Letter from the Court of Directors dated the 8th. March 1758 wherein it is said that it appears by Your Consultations 6th. August 1756 that a Copy of a certificate or attestation of Mr. Billars relating to money paid into Your Cash in June, had been sent up to Us, which certificate We are directed to send home, We do not find that any such certificate was ever sent to Us and We therefore leave to Your Honour &ca. to explain that matter to the Court of Directors.

We purpose sending you twenty Pipes of Madeira Wine but after filling Up the Wastage We find there are only sixteen remaining and these we now consign to You by the Honble Companys Snow Victoria with Eleven Garce of Salt as ℘ Invoice & Bills of Lading enclosed This is the same Snow we purchased of the Dutch on a very Urgent Occasion during the Siege as advised in Our Letter of the 24th. March We have now no service for her here and we therefore leave it to your Honour &ca. to employ her if you find her fit for your purpose or to sell her.

We have drawn on your Honour &ca. four setts of Bills of Exchange dated the 22d. Instant payable at ten days sight as follows.

Setts.	To whom payable.	Value received.	ARs.	A.	P.	CRs.	A.	P.
1	To Mr. James Morgan.	Mr. Thomas Kelsall.	341	—	—	368	4	5
1	To Hugh Watts Esqr.	John Pybus Esqr ..	9000	—	—	9720	—	—
1	To Mr. William Spurret.	Mr. Andrew Ross ..	2084	13	3	2251	9	10
1	To Wm. Henry Southby Esqr.	Himself	1980	—	—	2138	6	4
4	Setts amounting to		13405	13	3	14478	4	7

We cannot as Yet say what Tonnage we shall want in September but we shall advise you in time.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 25TH. MAY 1759.

G. PIGOT.
J. SMITH.
C. BOURCHIER.
J. PYBUS.
H. VANSITTART.
R. FAIRFIELD.
S. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.

No. 21.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT CLIVE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Since closing our accompanying Letter of the 25th Instant the Fort William Schooner has imported the Master informs Us that he has been obliged to throw overboard Sixty ten Inch Shells having met with a hard Gale of Wind.

The Brigantine Charley has been unloaded within the limitted time, We have been at a loss how to ascertain the exact weight of Your Consignments by her, we have always thought the Buzar Maund should be reckoned 82 lb. 2 oz. but Captain Swaine estimates it only at 81 lb. for want of being rightly informed in this particular perhaps, there appears to Us a difference between the Invoice and Bill of Loading in the Article of Patna Pease by the former there should be $\left\{\begin{matrix} \text{B} & \text{mds.} & 700 \\ \text{F} & \text{mds.} & 70 \end{matrix}\right\}$ 770. By the latter 700 B. mds. we therefore leave the adjusting this account with Captain Swaine to you and to that end we herewith send you an account of the exact weight of each article he has delivered Us We also enclose an Inventory of Stores of the Honble Companys Snow Victoria.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
30 MAY 1759.

G. PIGOT.
J. SMITH.
C. BOURCHIER.
J. PYBUS.
H. VANSITTART.
R. FAIRFIELD.
S. ARDLEY.

LIST OF THE PACKET ℔ SNOW VICTORIA.

No. 1 General Letter dated 25th. May 1759. } ℔ Victoria.
2 Do. 30 Do. }
3 Do. 10 Do. ℔ Argyle.

4 Invoice ℔ Victoria.

5 Bills of Loading ℔ Victoria.
6 Duplicate Account Deficiencys ℔ Thames.
7 Extract of the 19 Para of the General Letter from England dated 8 March 1758.
8 Inventory of Stores of Snow Victoria.
9 Account of sundrys landed from the Charly Brig.

No. 22.

To JOHN ANDREWS ESQR. CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL AT VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

Wrote to Mr. Andrews the 20th. and 21 of April and now enclose Duplicates since then We have received a Letter from the Honble Court of Directors dated the 5th. July 1758 from which we send you an Extract of the 11th. & 12 and 13 Paragraphs, the Directions contained in them have enabled Us to Resolve on a plan for reestablishing a Factory at Vizagapatam which is as follows.

1. Considering the heavy Charge of Building a Fort and maintaining a proper Garrison of Europeans We have resolved not to put the Company to that Charge, but that only One hundred Gun Peons and fifty Sword Peons be allowed to prevent Robberys and Insults from the people in the Factory and you are therefore to entertain that number and no More, and you must observe as a General Rule that in case of Danger from the Morattas or others you are to send away all or as much as possible of the Companys Effects if in the N.E. Monsoon to this Presidency if in the S.W. Monsoon to Bengal.

2. The Business of the Factory is to be conducted by a Chief and Council with such European assistants as shall from time to time be found necessary and we now appoint.

MR. JOHN ANDREWS to be . . .	Chief.
MR. THOMAS HEATH	Second of Council.
MR. JAMES ALEXANDER	Third of Council.
MR. GEORGE DOLBEN	Assistant.

3. The Chief Council and Assistants are to have the following Allowances.

The Chief—fifty Pagodas a Month and a palankeen.
The Second—Twenty Pagodas a Month.
The Third—Twenty Pagodas a Month.
The Assistant—Ten Pagodas a Month.

Over and above their respective salarys, in full for Diet servants Wages and all other Expences whatsoever except the following.

4. The Chief, Council and Assistants are to be lodged in the Companys Buildings and if those should not [be] sufficient such as are not so provided with Lodgings are to be allowed five Pagodas a Month in lieu to provide themselves.

5. We think a Syrang and ten Lascars sufficient to tend the Flag staff we therefore allow that number and no more.

6. Such Conicoplys and other servants as are really necessary for the Business of the Warehouse are to be entertained and no more.

7. In conformity to the said 11th. paragraph the method of providing the Investment by the Chief must be entirely abolished and you are not to have

any Concern therein, on your Private Accounts directly or indirectly but agreable to our Honble Masters former Orders and the Method now practised here you are to give publick notice that all Persons inclined to contract for providing the Investment may deliver in their proposals to you, and you are then to contract with such of the proposers being responsible persons, as offer the Most advantageous terms.

We observe in Mr. Andrew's Accounts for November & December 1758 and January and February 1759 a Charge of House Rent for Mr. Dolben and Dr. Wilson you must explain to Us the occasion of this charge and at the same time send Us a particular Account of all the Companys Buildings describing their Condition.

We observe also a Charge of two hundred Rupees for travelling Charges of the Chief and one hundred Rupees for each of the assistants who went down with him, We fix it as a standing Rule that Fifty Pagodas be allowed the Chief and ten Pagodas each to all others for travelling Charges and whatever the abovementioned Charge exceeds this, must be refunded.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
30TH. MAY 1759.

G. PIGOT.
J. SMITH.
C. BOURCHIER.
J. PYBUS.
H. VANSITTART.
R. FAIRFIELD.
S. ARDLEY.

No. 23.

TO CAPTAIN ROBERT HOLFORD
OF THE HONBLE COMPANYS SNOW VICTORIA.

SIR

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board and make the best of your way to Vizagapatam and on Your Arrival deliver the accompanying Packet to the Chief and Council You are then to proceed to Fort William, in Bengal and on Your Arrival deliver the accompanying Packet to the President & Council there and follow their Orders for your further proceedings Dated in

FORT ST. GEORGE
30TH. MAY 1759.

No. 24.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT CLIVE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

By the Honble Company's Snow Victoria, We wrote you under date the 25th. and 30th. Ultimo, the next day arrived the Sloop Lyon the Betsy snow is yet to come.

We have unloaded the Fort William Schooner as expeditiously as possible and now return her to you with all the Redwood We have ready, We have more coming in, which shall be sent by the other Vessells.

The Adjustment of Accounts between Your Presidency and ours has of late Years been neglected, We purpose in future to transmit you Your Account with Us twice in every year. Once by the latest dispatch from hence before the setting in of the N.E. Monsoon which may be the latter end of October and again upon closing our Books the 30th. April and We request you will do the same by Us, We now send You herewith your account from 1 May 1758 to 30th. April 1759 we shall defer the compleating our Books till we receive from you ours for the same period which we beg may be by the earliest conveyance.

We have drawn on You one sett of Bill dated the 5th. Instant payable at 10 days sight to Mr. James King or order for Current Rupees 54432 value received of the Honble George Pigot Esqr. in Arcot Rupees 50400.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants

G. PIGOT.
J. SMITH.
C. BOURCHIER.
J. PYBUS.
T. VANSITTART.
R. FAIRFIELD.
S. ARDLEY.
C. TURNER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 10TH. JUNE 1759.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO BENGAL ℔ FORT WILLIAM SCOONER.

1 General Letter dated 10 June 1759.
2 Dup. Do. 25 May
3 Dup. Do. 30 Do. ℔ Victoria.
4 Invoice & Bill of Loading ℔ Fort William Scooner.
5. Acct. Current with Bengal Precidency from 1 May 1758 to 30 April 1759.
6 Dup. Copy of the 19 Paragraph of General Letter from England dated 8th. March 1758.
7 Dup. Account of sundrys landed from the Charly Brigantine.
8 Accot. Stores supplied the Fort Wm. Scooner.

FORT ST. GEORGE
10TH. JUNE 1759.

No. 25.

TO CAPTAIN ALEXANDER SCOTT
OF THE HONBLE COMPANYS SCHOONER FORT WILLIAM.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board and make the best of your way to Fort William in the River of Bengal where on Your arrival you will deliver the accompanying Packet to the President & Council and follow their Orders for your further proceedings Dated in FORT ST. GEORGE the 10th. June 1758.

No. 26.

To Messrs. Henry Palmer, John Burrow, George Mandville,
Thomas Lockwood, Alexander Hume, William Mackenzie,
Joseph Harrington, Francis Wood and James Flint
Supra Cargos of Council
at Canton.

Gentlemen

We dispatched the Ships Winchelsea and Prince of Wales and Wrote to You by them the 16 & 21st. April We then intended to have dispatched the Tilbury and Britannia soon after but We found ourselves obliged to send the Britannia to the squadron lying at Negapatam from whence she is but lately returned.

The Shaftesbury is not Yet returned from Batavia, the Rhoda came round from Bombay with the Squadron and we now dispatch her the Tilbury and Britannia to You with the Consignments of Treasure originally made to You from England We are obliged to detain the five Chests consigned to Us by each Ship with orders to forward them to You as mentioned in our Letter of the 16 April being greatly disappointed in our expectations of supplys from Europe this season.

Our Honble Masters Ship Duke of Dorset Arrived here the 15th. Instant, she left England in November by her the Court of Directors have advised Us of the ships taken up for all parts of India this season, and of the gentlemen appointed of Council this Year in China, List of which are in the Packet and and they add that they purposed to dispatch the six Ships for Fort St. George and China about the end of November and the two direct Canton Ships and the two Limpo Ships about the Middle of December.

Our Honble Masters acquaint Us that they last Year sent Mr. Richard Wilder to Bengal to rectify some abuses in the Raw silk Trade after which he was proceed [*sic*] to this place in time to take his passage to Canton in one of the Ships of this season to inspect into the same branch of Trade there, but the Gentlemen at Bengal write Us in February last that it is necessary for him to remain there another season to compleat his intended Regulations.

We send You also in the Packet Copy of the 16th. paragraph of a Letter to Us from the Court of Directors dated 8th. March 1758 relating to Mr. Richard Talcot to which we refer we are informed that he did proceed to Canton on the Pitt altho' he neither had nor applied to Us for our permission.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most humble Servts.

Fort St. George
17 June 1759.

G. Pigot.
J. Smith.
C. Bourchier.
J. Pybus.
H. VanSittart.
R. Fairfield.
S. Ardley.
C. Turner.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO CANTON ℔ RHODA.

N°. 1 General Letter dated . . . June 1759.
2 Triplicate D°. 16 April 1759.
3 Triplicate D°. 21 D°.
4 Packet from the Court of Directors directed to Messrs. Henry Palmer John Burrow &c^a. ℔ Rhoda.
5 Copy of the Rhodas Charterparty.
6 Copy of Capt. Machemaras Instructions.
7 Copy of Captain Machemaras Commission to seize unlicensed persons.
8 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licensed to be shipped on y^e. Rhoda.
9 Account of Goods and Merchandize in Private trade landed from the Rhoda at Fort S^t. George.
10 Copy of the Rhodas Victualling Bill.
11 Account Current with the Owners of the Rhoda for deficiencys in the Consignments to this precidency this paper to be forwarded to England, in Your Packet by the Rhoda.
12 Copy of the 16 paragraph of a General Letter from England dated 8^th. March 1758 relating to M^r. Talcot.
13 List of Supra Cargos of Council in Canton 1759.
14 List of Ships taken up for all parts of India 1759.
15 Copy of Capt. Macnemaras sailing Orders.

LIST OF PAPERS IN THE PACKET TO CANTON ℔ TILBURY.

N°. 1 General Letter dated June 1759.
2 Manifest of Private trade licensed to be Shipped on the Tilbury.
3 Account of Private Trade landed at Fort S^t. George from the Tilbury.
4 Copy of Tilbury's Victualling Bill.
5 Account Current with the owners of the Tilbury for deficiencys in the Consignments to this Presidency—To be forwarded to England in your Packet by the Tilbury.
6 Copy of the 16^th. paragraph of a General Letter from England dated 8 March 1758 relating to M^r. Talcot.
7 List of supra Cargo's of Council in Canton 1759.
8 List of ships taken up for all parts of India 1759.
9 Copy of Capt. Mainwarrings saillng [*sic*] Orders.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO CANTON ℔ BRITANNIA.

N°. 1 General Letter . . . dated June 1759.
2 Packet from the Court of Directors, directed to Mess. Henry Palmer John Burrow &c^a. ℔ Britannia.
3 Copy of the Britannia Charter Party.
4 Copy of Capt. Blewits Instructions.
5 Copy of Capt. Blewits Commission to seize unlicensed Persons.
6 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licensed to be shipped on the Britannia.

7 Account of Goods and Merchandize in Private Trade landed from the Britannia at Fort S^{t}. George.

8 Copy of the Britannias Victualling Bill.

9 Account Current with the Owners of the Britannia for deficiencys in the consignments to this Presidency—To be forwarded to England in your Packet ℔ Britannia.

10 Copy of the 16 paragraph of a General Letter from England dated 8 March 1758 relating to M^{r}. Talcot.

11 List of supra Cargos of Council in Canton 1759.

12 List of ships taken up for all parts of India for 1759.

13 Copy of Capt. Blewits sailing Orders.

N^{o}. 27.

To Capt^{n}. John Macnemara
of the Ship Rhoda.

Sir

You are hereby required to repair on board and wind and weather permitting make the best of your way to Canton in China, On Your Arrival there You are to deliver the accompanying Packet to Mess^{rs}. Henry Palmer John Burrow, George Mandeville, Thomas Lockwood Alexander Hume William Mackenzie Joseph Harrington Francis Wood and James Flint supra Cargos of Council for the Companys Affairs in China or to such of them as shall be there and follow their orders for your further proceedings Dated in Fort S^{t}. George the 17th. June 1759.

The like Orders to
Captain Roger Mainwaring of the Tilbury
Capt. John Blewit of the Britannia.

N^{o}. 28.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esq^{r}.
President & Governour &c^{a}. Council
at Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We received Your two Letters of the 7th. April by his Majestys Squadron, and that the 19th. May by the Streatham which ship arrived here the 15th. Instant.

We are obliged to You for the supply of wheat & Doll sent Us by the last it is well the Rice you intended for Us could not be sent as We are fully stockt great quantitys of Grain and provision of all sorts having been brought to Our Market since the Siege.

We should be glad if any oppertunity should offer, that you would send Us round the Timber & plank which has been provided for Us at Calicut as we have no means of sending for it.

The mast you landed from the Shaftesbury and that from the Rhoda are Invoiced to Us each at £ 23–15–4 and We shall Debt Your Presidency for the same at 3 ℔ Pagodas being Pag. 59–15–0.

We shall dispatch the Stretham to Bengal according to Your desire as soon as Your Consignments by her can be landed.

We must desire Your Honour &c^{a}. will please to order the scooner of 120 Tons for the service of the West Coast to be built with two Decks.

The 15th. Instant arrived here our Honble Masters Ship Duke of Dorset, she left England in November in Company with the Holdernesse for the West Coast and the Diligent Schooner for Bombay, the latter was spoke with off Anjengo the 23d. Aprill and we therefore conclude will be with you before this; In the Packet to Us was the enclosed for you which we are directed to forward by the first safe conveyance by the Extract from it transmitted to Us we observe what our Honble Masters have wrote You on the subject of Money they have wrote Us to the same Effect, we hope it will be in Your power to assist Us as Our Expences are very Large our Stock small and we know not how far We may depend on Bengal.

The Adjustment of Accounts between Your Presidency and Ours has of late years been Neglected, we purpose in future to transmit your Account with Us twice in every year from the first of May to the 31st. October and again from that time to the 30th. April and we request You will do the same by Us, We now send You herewith Your account from 1 May 1758 to 30 April 1759 and We shall defer the compleating Our Books till we receive from You Ours for the same period which we beg may be by the first oppertunity.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
THE 23 JUNE 1759.

G. PIGOT.
J. SMITH.
C. BOURCHIER.
J. PYBUS.
H. VANSITTART.
R. FAIRFIELD.
S. ARDLEY.
C. TURNER.

No. 29.

TO THOMAS HODGES ESQR. CHIEF
&CA. FACTORS
AT TELLICHERRY.

GENTLEMEN

We have received, Your Letter of the 21st. April and are obliged to You for your congratulations on occasion of the Enemys retreat from before this place.

The 15th. Instant our Honble Masters Ship Duke of Dorset arrived here from England she sailed from thence in November with the Holdernesse for the West Coast and the Diligent Schooner for Bombay which last we hear was spoke with off Anjengo in April.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most obedient Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
23D. JUNE 1759.

G. PIGOT.
J. SMITH.
C. BOURCHIER.
J. PYBUS.
H. VANSITTART.
R. FAIRFIELD.
S. ARDLEY.
C. TURNER.

No. 30.

To the Honble Robert Clive Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Our last dated the 10th. Instant waited on You by the Fort William Schooner.

We now return to You the Honble Companys Snow Leopard loaded with Redwood. We must leave to You to settle, with the Master the deficiency in Your Consignment to Us as We are Uncertain what the real quantity should be the Invoice expressing 500 Bags of Rice containing 1000 Maunds, the Bill of Loading only 419 Bags qt. 838 Maunds and the delivery here in short even of the Bill of Loading 34 Maunds 23 lb. as appears by the enclosed account there is also a difference between the Invoice & Bill of Loading in the Article of Teak Planks the first mentions 18 the latter only 17.

The Seven Chests and 1 Case of Medicines You Consigned Us ℔ Warren were sent without an Invoice, We have therefore for the sake of having our Accounts kept up brought them to the Credit of your Presidency at the Medium valuation of 350 or Pagodas 375 as soon as we receive the Invoice We shall debt or Credit you the difference.

We have had the Sonaut Rupees you sent Us Assayed and find they are $9\frac{3}{4}$ dws. better than standard and will turn out in our Mint about 10 $\frac{2}{16}$ ℔ Cent better than Current Rupees.

Our President having informed Us that Colonel Clive had acquainted him you were in want of a surgeon and would be glad to have Mr. Hancock if he could be spared We have permitted him to remove to your Presidency not without some Reluctance, and we doubt not but his abilities care and application will render him as valuable to you as he has been to Us.

Capn. Glover lately applied to Us to be paid for the passage of Four French Gentlemen Prisoners you sent up on the Warren alledging that you promised he should receive of Us One hundred Rupees for each, what you write Us on this subject in your Letter of the 2 February is so different that we shall not comply with his request untill we receive from you an Explanation of this Matter.

The Duke of Dorset arrived here the 15th. Instant from England, she sailed from thence in November in Company of the Holdernesse of the West Coast and the Diligent schooner for Bombay, the latter was spoke with off Anjengo the 23 April finding it necessary that the Duke of Dorset should join the Kings Squadron We are about Landing the Consignments to Your Presidency which shall hereafter be forwarded as We find opportunity and have taken the liberty to open the Packet directed to you to take out the Invoice which done it was again immediately closed as you will find Certified on the Cover, and is now forwarded to you by the Leopard Snow.

Our Honble Masters write Us that they have resolved not to send any Treasure this Year to either of their Presidencys depending that your stock and that at Bombay will be sufficient not only for your Own purposes but also to supply Us, we are quite unacquainted with the state of the Treasury at Bombay and therefore cannot form any Judgment of the assistance to be had from thence our Principal reliance therefore must be on You Upon a Calculate of our remains and future demands we find our present stock may suffice Us for three months and We reckon we shall not want less than Twenty Lacks of Rupees more before we can receive any supplies from Europe we need not enlarge on this subject as our Honble Masters acquaint Us they have wrote to you as fully as to Us, but we must add that we hope you take

every good Opportunity as soon as the season will permit to send Us all the treasure you can spare our circumstances in this respect are now fully before you and you cannot but see the fatal consequences that may attend the Companys Affairs should we be distressed for money.

By a Dutch ship arrived at Negapatam We have the certain & unwelcome News that the Grantham was taken off Cape Falso in January by two French Men of War.

We have drawn on You seven setts of Bills dated the 26th. Instant and payable at ten days sight to the undermentioned persons Vizt.

Setts.	To whom payable.	Value received.	ARs.	a.	p.	CRs.	a.	p.
1	To William M. Gwine Esqr.	George Pigot Esqr..	4519	8	10	4881	1	10
1	To Richard Beccher Esqr.	Chars. Bourchier Esqr.	8280	—	—	8942	6	4
1	To Anselme Beaumont Esqr.	Do.	3924	12	—	4238	11	8
1	To Mr. William Rider.	George Stratton ..	18000	—	—	19440	—	—
1	To Chas. Manningham Esqr.	Mr. Josias Dupre' ..	3600	—	—	3888	—	—
1	To Mr. Tysosaul Hancock.	himself	3600	—	—	3888	—	—
1	To Mr. Robt. Holford.	Mr. Arch Palmer ..	1637	11	2	1768	11	5
7	Setts amounting to		43562	—	—	47046	15	3

Fort St. George
28 June 1759.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Humble Servants
George Pigot.
J. Smith.
C. Bourchier.
J. Pybus.
H. VanSittart.
R. Fairfield.
S. Ardley.
C. Turner.

No. 31.

To John Andrews Esqr. Chief
&ca. Council at Vizagapatam.

Gentlemen

Our last Letter dated 30th. May went by the Snow Victoria We have since received a Letter from Mr. Andrews dated 21 May.

We have ordered the Honble Company's Snow Leopard to touch at Vizagapatam to deliver this Letter and carry any advices you may have for Bengal but she must not be detained, longer than is really necessary.

Mr. Hancock being removed to the Presidency of Bengal Mr. James Wilson succeeds him as third Surgeon here he must therefore take the first opportunity of returning hither and in his room Mr. Charles Maul now proceeds to You.

Capt. Glover has applied to Us to be paid One hundred Rupees for the passage of Mr. L. Ferre whom Mr. Andrews in his Letter of the 16 March only mentions to have permitted to take his passage, and indeed such a Charge upon the Company would be extraordinary, we have therefore declined paying that Sum until we hear from You whether any such Agreement was made with Captr. Glover or not.

The Duke of Dorset Arrived here the 15th. Instant from England she left it in November, we are sorry to tell You that the Advices she brings give Us but small hopes of being able to supply you with Money for your Investment of which we apprise You that you may not enter into any Engagements in expectation of receiving supply's from Us and we doubt whether you can have any more from Bengal, We observe by Mr. Andrew's Letter that he had drawn on that Presidency to 70000 ARs. We would not have you draw for any more on them or Us untill you receive further directions.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
28 JUNE 1759.

G. PIGOT.
J. SMITH.
C. BOURCHIER.
J. PYBUS.
H. VANSITTART.
R. FAIRFIELD.
S. ARDLEY.
C. TURNER.

No. 32.

TO CAPTAIN ALEXANDER BARCLAY
OF THE HON'BLE COMPANY'S SNOW LEOPARD.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board and make the best of you [*sic*] way to Metchlepatam, from thence you are to proceed to Vizagapatam and at each place deliver the Packet herewith put under your Care directed to the gentlemen in charge of those settlements respectively and receive from them such Packets or other things as they may have to send to Bengal if you can take them in from Vizagapatam You are to proceed directly to Bengal we herewith Deliver you two Packets, the one a Box received from England by the Duke of Dorset, the other a Paper Packet both directed to the President & Council at Fort William which on your arrival there you are to deliver as directed and follow their Orders for your further proceedings Dated in Fort St. George the 28 June 1759.

No. 33.

TO THE HONBLE PRESIDENT RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We addressed you the 23 instant and forwarded a Packet received a few days before by the Duke of Dorset from England, We particularly referred to what our Hon'ble Masters write you and Us in regard to Money and observed in general that we must depend upon you and Bengal for supplys we have since made a Calculate of our remains and demands and find our small stock will not extend to much above three months Expences exclusive of any Investment

and we reckon our demands for Nine Months more will not be far short of twenty Lacks of Rupees supposing our disbursements to be as large, as they have been for some time past, We have no reason to think they will be Less but must expect them to encrease should we receive reinforcement what portion of this large, demand Bengal may be able to furnish we cannot say, We doubt not but that it will be in Your power to contribute largely and in that opinion we shall take the liberty to draw on you as occasion may offer as far as one Lack of Rupees but not more untill we are favoured with your answer, in part of that sum we have drawn on You a Sett of Bills dated the 26th. Instant for Bombay Rupees 25000 makg. at 2 ℘ Cent ARs. 25500 payable at ten days sight to the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr. or order, value received of Charles Bourchier Esqr.

As We think it necessary to give immediate advice to the Court of Directors of the Distress their settlements, and affairs may suffer for want of Money We enclose a Letter to them on that subject under a flying seal for Your perusal, and we request you will cause the same to be forwarded as expeditiously as possible over land with such Observations as you may think proper to make to them on the same occasion.

We received within these few days the disagreable News by a Dutch ship from the Cape of Good Hope that the Grantham was taken in January last off that place.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
You most humble Servts.

FORT ST. GEORGE
30TH. JUNE 1759.

G. PIGOT.
J. SMITH.
C. BOURCHIER.
J. PYBUS.
H. VANSITTART.
R. FAIRFIELD.
S. ARDLEY.
C. TURNER.

No. 34.

TO THE HON'BLE ROBERT CLIVE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM.

HON'BLE SIR & SIRS

We wrote you by the Companys Snow Leopard the 28th. June and ordered her to touch at Metchlepatam and Vizagapatam.

The Lyon Sloop arrived here the 30th. May, You acquaint Us that you Freighted her on the same terms as the Charly and you advised us that this last was to be unloaded in twenty days, our want of Godowns prevented our landing the Lyons Cargo immediately upon which Account We received a Protest from the Master setting forth that his Owners were entitled to Demorage after fifteen days we must therefore leave this matter to be settled by you as well as the deficiencys in Your Consignment by that Sloop an Account whereof is enclosed the Vessell was cleared the 28 June to which time from the 30 May is 29 days.

We have drawn on You two setts of Bills of this date payable at ten days sight as follows.

Setts.	To whom payable.	Value of whom recd.	ARs.	A.	P.	CRs.	A.	P.
1	To Mr. Culling Smith.	Henry Powney Esqr,	5000	—	—	5490	—	—
1	To Tysoe Saul Hancock.	Himself	2520	—	—	2721	9	7
2	Setts amounting to		7520	—	—	8121	9	7

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
3 JULY 1759.

G. PIGOT.
J. SMITH.
C. BOURCHIER.
J. PYBUS.
H. VANSITTART.
R. FAIRFIELD.
S. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.

No. 35.

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

This serves to advise you that we have this day drawn on You two setts of Bills of Exchange both payable at ten days sight to Gocul Terwady or order one for Fourteen thousand seven hundred and five Bombay Rupees three Quarters and fifty two Beas (14705–3–52) the other for Bys. Rs. 9803–3–68 which we hope you will Honour.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servats.

FORT ST. GEORGE
10 JULY 1759.

GEORGE PIGOT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENY. VANSITTART.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.

No. 36.

TO THE HON'BLE ROBERT CLIVE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM.

HON'BLE SIR & SIRS

We have received from the ship Fort William Thirty Seven Garce twenty One maunds and seventeen Pounds of Rice (36–41–17) computing the Garce in

G. M. lb.

the Manner You mention in your Letter of the 27 March and paid the amount Captain Amyat has also delivered us in a Bill for 2193 Gunny Bags but as it does not appear by your Letter whether the Gunny Bags were included in the price of the Rice or were to be paid for seperately and if so, at what rate we have referred that account to be settled with the Owners by You.

Our Honble Masters Ships Royal George, arrived here the 4th. Instant she left England the 16th. Febry. as we have occasion to employ her here for some time we send You by the Fort William the Packet she brought for Your Presidency from the Honble Court of Directors.

The Streatham being also employed on the Coast We have landed the Woollen Goods Consigned to You and that we might be certain that we received the right quantity we have taken the liberty to open the Packet directed to You from Bombay and have taken out the Invoice and Bill of Loading which shall be forwarded to You with the with the [*sic*] Consignment.

We are
HON'BLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servts.

FORT ST. GEORGE
11TH. JULY 1759.

GEORGE PIGOT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENY. VANSITTART.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.

No. 37.

TO JOHN ANDREWS ESQR. CHIEF &CA. COUNCIL
OF VIZAGAPATAM.

GENTLEMEN

We have received a Letter from Mr. Thomas Heath dated at Vizagapatam the 12 June advising the departure of Messrs. Andrews Alexander and Dolben for Metchlepatam, and We have since received a Letter from Mr. Andrews dated at Metchlepatam the 20th. (which should be 30th.) June advising his arrival there.

In Answer to Mr. Heaths We are to inform you that he Judges rightly, Mr. Andrews & Mr. Alexander being Absent only for a time we consider that Factory as being under the Management of a Chief and Council agreable to our Letter of the 30 May.

In answer to that part of Mr. Andrews Letters which relates to the Accounts and Investment of Vizagapatam and which should have been signed by the Council we inform you that it is not intended you should be at any risque either in respect to the Solvency of the Merchants, Accidents at the Wash or any others. all that We expect is that you will Use your best Endeavours in every Respect for the Company's Interest and then all advantages and all risques are for their Account.

Mr. Andrews also represents to Us that as there was but little to do at Vizagapatam Messrs. Alexander and Dolben accompanied him to Metchlepatam where their assistance is necessary, we leave you to Your discretion in such Cases and only recommend that the good of the service be ever your principal object.

During Mr. Andrews absence from Vizagapatam, his allowance of Fifty Pagodas a Month is to be received by Mr. Heath instead of his allowance of Twenty Pagodas a Month, and we have permitted Mr. Andrew to Charge One hundred Pagodas for his travelling Charges to Metchlepatam, One Hundred Pagodas for those of his return, One hundred Pagodas a Month for his Table. and Four hundred and sixty Eight Rupees a Month for servants Wages

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
11TH. JULY 1759.

GEORGE PIGOT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENRY VANSITTART.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.

No. 38.

TO JOHN ANDREWS ESQR.
AT METCHLEPATAM.

SIR

We have received Your Letter of the 20th. (which should be 30) June and 3rd. July and shall wait for the account of the Revenues You promise before we say anything on that subject.

We observe of what you write of Colonel Forde We can at present apply no other Remedy than Writing to Bengal which we have already done.

We approve of the List of servants you enclose in Your first Letter, and the same Number may be continued at the Companys Charge, while You remain at Metchlepatam, We also allow You to charge one hundred Pagodas for Your travelling charges from Vizagapatam, One hundred Pagodas when You return and during Your Stay at Metchlepatam, One hundred Pagodas a Month for Your Table, and the fifty Pagodas a Month allowed You by our Letter of the 30th. May for your Charges at Vizagapatam must now be received by Mr. Heath in lieu of his allowance of Twenty Pagodas a Month during Your absence.

By Your Letter we conclude it will be as Convenient to You to have the amount of Your Monthly Expences paid here, as to have it remitted you, it will be most agreable to Us to pay it here.

We enclose a copy of the 102d. paragraph of a Letter lately received from the Court of Directors dated 23d. Jany. 1759.

We are
SIR
Your affectionate Friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
11TH. JULY 1759.

GEORGE PIGOT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENY. VANSITTART.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. [TURNER.]

No. 39.

To the Honble Robert Clive Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

The 14th. Instant our Honble Masters ship Essex imported from England in the Packet to Us was enclosed, the accompanying under Your address which we are directed to forward by the first oppertunity.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servts.

Fort St. George
11th. July 1759.

George Pigot.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.
John Pybus.
Henry. Vansittart.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

No. 40.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council at Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We have the pleasure to acquaint You that our Honble Masters ship Royal George arrived here the 4th. and the Essex the 14th. Instant by the last we received the accompanying Packet which We are directed to forward, These Ships left England the 16th. February in Company of the other China Ships, but seperated to the Westward of the Cape, We are in daily expectation of [receiving] the rest.

The 15th. Instant we received a Letter from Anjengo with a Packet which according to their desire we forward herewith.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servts.

Fort St. George
18 July 1759.

George Pigot.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.
John Pybus.
Henry. Vansittart.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

No. 41.

To Messrs. Thomas Lockwood, Thomas Fitzhugh
Richard Wood Stephen Devisme
Francis Kinnersley, Francis Wood, James Flint,
Benjamin Torin and Thomas Thomas
Supra Cargos of Council in Canton.

Gentlemen

Our Honble Masters Ship Essex arrived here the 14th. of last Month having parted from the other Coast and China ships to the Westward of the Cape of Good Hope, and as None of them are Yet arrived we are in some pain lest they should have fallen in with the French Squadron, which by their not yet appearing on the Coast We fear may be cruising for them; should they arrive in Any reasonable time for attempting the Passage to China all possible expedition shall be used in their dispatch to you.

As these Ships carry no more than ten Chests of Silver Each, our Honble Masters have directed Us to put ten Chests more on every one and Consign the same to You, if We should have a sufficient stock to spare so much. We are Sorry to inform You that We have not at present near a sufficiency for Our own demands, our dependance therefore must be on Bengal & we much doubt whether they will be able to supply Us, it will therefore be impossible for Us to spare any thing Out of our own stock but the Shaftesbury one of the Ships of last Year having been sent to Batavia to refit, and not being Yet returned, We begin to think it doubtfull whether she will arrive in time to proceed to Canton, We have thirty chests of Bullion of her China Consignment, and rather than let the whole remain here at the Chance of not being employed whilst the Essex's stock is insufficient to purchase her Cargo, We consign You ten Chests out of the thirty of the Shaftesburys No. 181 @ 190 weighing each 290 lb. 8 oz.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most Humble Servts.

Fort St. George
4 August 1759.

George Pigot.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier
John Pybus.
Henry. Vansittart.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

By a Letter just now received from Vizagapatam We learn that the Shaftesbury in her passage from Batavia was drove by distress of weather as far to Leeward as that Port, it will therefore be impossible for her to be despatched to China this season.

List of Papers in the Packet for Canton ℔ Essex.

No. 1 General Letter dated . . . 4th. August 1759.
2 Bill of Loading of ten Chests of Silver laden on the Essex.
3 Copy of Captain Jacksons Instructions.
4 Copy of the Essex's Charter party.
5 Copy of Capt. Jackson's Commission to seize Unlicensed persons.

6 Manifest of Goods & Merchandize licensed to be shipped on board the Essex in England.

7 Account of Private Trade landed from the Essex at Fort S^{t}. George.

8 Copy of the Essex's victualling Bill.

9 Packet directed to mess^{rs}. Thomas Lockwood &c^{a}. Supra Cargos of Council at Canton in China ℔ Essex.

10 Copy of Capt. Jacksons Sailing Orders.

N^{o}. 42.

To Capt. George Jackson
of the Ship Essex.

Sir

You are hereby required to repair on board and wind and weather permitting make the best of your way to Canton in China, on Your Arrival there You are to deliver the accompanying Packet to Mess^{rs}. Thomas Lockwood, Thomas Fitzhugh, Richard Wood Stephen Devisme Francis Kinnersley Francis Wood, James Flint Benjamin Torin and Thomas Thomas Supra Cargo's of Council for the Companys affairs in China or to such of them as shall be there and follow their Orders for your further proceedings Dated in

Fort S^{t}. George
4th August 1759.

N^{o}. 43.

To Mess^{rs}. Thomas Lockwood, Thomas Fitzhugh Richard Wood, Stephen Devisme, Francis Kinnersley, Francis Wood, James Flint Benjamin Torin and Thomas Thomas Supra Cargos of Council in Canton.

Gentlemen

After We had delivered Capt. Jackson our dispatches of the 4th. Instant We received advice that the Valentine, Suffolk, Oxford, Denham & Pocock had joined his Majesty's Squadron cruizing off Ceylon some of them so long ago as the 10th. of last month, and the Admiral informs Us that he intends keeping them to cruize with him for the expected French Fleet, He is now off Pondicherry and as We hope it may not yet be too late We write to him this day pressing strongly that two of them may be sent to Us immediately, should he comply with our desire We shall dispatch them to you as soon as their Consignments to Us can be landed.

We are
Gentlemen
Your most humble Serv^{ts}.

Fort S^{t}. George
6 August 1759.

George Pigot.
John Smith.
Cha^{s}. Bourchier.
John Pybus.
Hen^{y}. Vansittart.
Rich^{d}. Fairfield.
Sam^{l}. Ardley.
Cha^{s}. Turner.

No°. 44.

To George Pocock Esq^R^. Vice Admiral of the red and
Commander in Chief of His Majestys
Squadron in India.

Sir

The Revenge and Stretham arrived here the 4^th^. at Night and brought us your Letter of the 30^th^. July. We are disappointed in the Shaftesbury for a China Ship this Year, it is now indeed late in the season but should the Royal George & Diligent (which Ships are under dispatch to You) enable You to spare Us two of the China Ships We hope we may yet be able to send them away in time to make their Passage, it is of Vast importance to the Company that they should not be disappointed of their China Returns, and the expence of Demorage is immense. We flatter ourselves the Revenge or Royal George Will join you in three or four days for as the Warren is near ready for sailing. We should be unwilling to detain her longer than the 12^th^. by which time, We hope to receive the other Letters, the President informs us you intend for Europe. It is of great Consequence that the Warren get away by that time, that we may have Answers by the next Years Ships and the Diligent Schooner is so well refitted, that she may be dispatched to Europe, if any Extraordinary Occurrence should make it necessary.

All the five ships have on board Coral and other Effects Consigned to different Persons here who are unwilling they should run the Risques of a Cruize, We must therefore desire that you will therefore desire that you will [*sic*] please to Order the Commanders of such ships as you send to Us to receive all such Coral and other Effects as shall be tendered to them, by the Commanders of any of the other Ships, and the Gentlemen to whom such Consignments are directed now write to the Several Commanders in Consequence.

We are
Sir
Your humble Servants

Fort S^t^. George
the 6 August 1759.

George Pigot.
John Smith.
Cha^s^. Bourchier.
John Pybus.
Hen^y^. Vansittart.
Rich^d^. Fairfield.
Sam^l^. Ardley.
Cha^s^. Turner.

No°. 45.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esq^R^.
President & Governour &c^a^. Council at
Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We addressed you last the 18^th^. July and We are to acknowledge the Receit of your Letters of the 16^th^. June 17^th^. July the last by Diligent Snow which arrived here the 5^th^. Instant, We have the pleasure also to inform you that the Valentine Pocock, Denham Suffolk & Oxford, fell in with Admiral Pocock off Ceylone, had he permitted them to proceed directly to Us they might have been in time for China this Season, but as he has hitherto detained them all we much doubt whether any of them can prosecute their intended voyage this Year.

The Stretham which we were under the necessity of sending up to the squadron, is returned and will be dispatched in a few days to Bengal.

We observe what your Honour &c^{a}. write on the subject of Money, We wrote to the gentlemen at Bengal by the first oppertunity after the Receit of the Companys advices but cannot receive their Answer for some time, when we do we shall communicate it to you in the mean time We have drawn on You the undermentioned Bills of Exchange of this date which We hope you will Honour, as our occasions are immediate and indispensable. Your Honour &c^{a}. on the Contrary are not for the present in danger of suffering an Inconveniences [*sic*] these Bills with those We drew before amounting to about the sum mentioned in our Letter of the 30th. June we shall draw no more untill we have heard from Bengal. The Bills now drawn are Viz^{t}.

Setts.	To whom pavable.	Value receiv'd of.	ARs.	a.	p.	CRs.	a.	p.
1	To Mess^{rs}. Daniel Draper & Rawson Hart Boddam.	Henry Vansittart Esq^{r}.	25000	—	—	25500	—	—
1	D^{o}.	Mess^{rs}. Clarke & Russell.	25000	—	—	25500	—	—
2	Setts amounting to		50000	—	—	51000	—	—

We shall forward Your Packet for Bengal receiv'd here by the Diligent, by the first oppertunity, We received one in few days ago from Anjengo under your Address which accompanys this.

The Warren will be ready in a few days to receive her dispatches for England.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
8TH. AUGUST 1759.

GEORGE PIGOT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HEN^{Y}. VANSITTART.
RICH^{D}. FAIRFIELD.
SAM^{L}. ARDLEY.
CHA^{S}. TURNER.

N^{o}. 46.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT CLIVE ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last under date the 17th. July advised the arrival of the Essex, the Valentine Suffolk, Pocock Denham & Oxford fell in with M^{r}. Pococks Squadron, Off Ceylone the 13th. July & were detained by him so late that We much fear it will be impossible for any of them to gain their Passage to China this season, at our earnest desire the Valentine & Suffolk were dispatched to Us from the squadron and arrived here the 16th. Instant, We intend that these two shall attemt [*sic*] the Passage to China the Denham & Oxford did not import here from the Squadron till the 25th. Instant and as it will be impossible to get them ready in any reasonable time to be dispatch'd for Canton We purpose to send them to Mazulipatam and to return hither with the French Prisoners, the Pocock is detained as a Storeship to the Squadron but

will be discharged We imagine before the Admiral leaves the Coast, The Shaftesbury one of the last years China Ships was sent to Batavia to refit and return hither in her Passage back Meeting with hard Gales she fell to Leeward and is gone to the Negrais We expect her here next Month, The Calcutta from England and Madeira arrived here the 23 Instant.

We advised you in our former Letters that We had found it necessary to send the Strethem and Duke of Dorset to Join the Squadron and on that account had landed their Consignments to You, the Stretham being returned to Us first We have put on board her the Articles we had landed from the Duke of Dorset & Royal George and We have also landed from the Duke of Dorset & Royal George and We have also reladen on her the consignment to You from Bombay all which is distinguished in the Invoice.

The Duke of Dorset did not return to Us till within these few days. We think to dispatch her to You about the 10th. of next month with Redwood.

The Calcutta also shall be dispatched to You some time next Month.

As we do not see any way at present in which we shall be able to employ the Denham Oxford and Pocock & Shaftesbury after their return to Us from their present destinations and Employment untill the next season We intend to dispatch them all to You unless any unforeseen Event should induce Us to take other Measures.

As We have already sent by the Essex and shall send by the two ships now under dispatch for Canton part of the Treasure of the other ships, we reckon we shall not have left above thirty Chests of Dollars for such of the China Ships of this season as may remain on hand to be dispatched thither next Year, We therefore must entirely depend on your Honour &ca. for such stocks as may enable them to proceed at the Proper time which should not be less than twenty Chests for each ship.

Besides these China Ships intended to be sent down to You, should all the Coast and Bay ships arrive safe there will be five to be provided for on this side India Vizt. Hardwick, Duke of Dorset, Calcutta, Ajax, and Stormont, We do not mention the Royal George because it is probable she may attend the squadron, We cannot at present contribute any thing towards their dispatch nor can We Judge whether We shall have any or what number of Bales by February as that entirely depends on the supplys of Money We may receive from You next Month, Our Stock being so low that We cannot spare any for the Investment.

By Advices lately received from Fort Marlbro' dated in May We are assured that there will be full Nine hundred Tons of Pepper besides the Cargo of their annual ship, but as the Delawar is destined to that Coast this year from England besides the Holderness, reckoning 300 Tons for the Delawar, there will then remain 600 Tons which We leave entirely at your disposal. We must add however that in case You should Yourselves be able to provide for the Tonnage of all the Coast and Bay ships without that surplus pepper. We think in that case it would be adviseable to dispatch home one or two of the China ships also, sending so many ships to fill up at Marlbro' as you may think best for mixing the Cargos and dividing the risque.

Upon the Arrival of the Duke of Dorset from England We addressed you the 28th. of June on the Subject of Money, We also wrote to Bombay to the same Effect, they tell Us in Answer that they have great reason to think their several Occasions will require a supply before the next years ships can arrive and they therefore hope We may be furnished with such as We may want by your Honour &ca. Council, concluding that you will be able to borrow Money (should it be necessary) on more Moderate terms than they can do on that side and therefore they refer Us to You.

We have not been unmindfull of what your Honour &ca. have repeatedly recommended to Us concerning the Seizure of the Northumberland Snow at

Junkseyloan in 1756. Capt. Mackmath having produced to Us several depositions which fully prove that the King of Quedah was concerned as a principal in that transaction and that he has appropiated [*sic*] to his own Use part of the Snow and her Cargo, We have thereupon seized and Confiscated a Snow belonging to him which arrived here this Season as well as her Cargo both which have been sold at Outcry and the produce We purpose shall remain deposited in the Company's Cash untill the next season, when if We should not receive any Satisfactory Answer from the King of Quedah to a Letter we have lately wrote him concerning this proceeding, our intentions are that this Money shall be paid to the Owners and concerned in the Northumberland and her Cargo or to whom soever they shall Authorise to receive the same, and we shall proceed in like manner to seize and confiscate all ships and Effects that may fall within our power belonging to the King of Siam and the King of Quedah untill ample satisfaction be made for the Loss of the Northumberland We have the Sanction of our Honble Masters for this proceeding as you will please to observe by the accompanying Extract from their Commands.

We herewith forward to you two Packets one from Bombay the other from Saint Helena We have another for You from Bombay which probably being a Duplicate of that now sent shall go by the next conveyance.

We have drawn on You three setts of Bills of Exchange all dated the 28th. Instant payable at ten days sight to the Undermentioned Persons Vizt.

Setts.	To whom payable.	Value receive'd of.	ARs.	a.	p.	CRs.	a.	p.
1	To Paul Richd. Pearkes Esqr.	John Smith Esqr. . .	5443	3	2	5040	—	—
1	To Messrs. Leycester & Charlton.	George Stratton & Wm. Aldersay.	8684	9	10	8041	5	1
1	To Messrs. Rider Leycester and Charlton.	Do.	5146	7	8	4767	1	11
3	Setts amounting to.	CRs.	19274	4	8	17848	7	0

Fort St. George
31 August 1759.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants

George Pigot.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.
John Pybus.
Henry. Vansittart.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

No. 47.

To the Honble Robert Clive Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William

Honble Sir & Sirs

Having found it necessary to land the Cargo of the Duke of Dorset we have credited your Presidency the full amount of the original Invoice and debt you again for the part we forward to You, as well as for the Charges Merchandize incurred [he]re in reshipping them.

Your Honour &c^{a}. will have only to Debt this Presidency to Account Current London the full amount of the Original Invoice, And to Credit Us the amount of what we send to You as ℔ Invoice.

By this Method our Respective Books will conform with the General Books of the Company and to each other which is the Occasion of our Addressing you this seperate Letter.

The Lead and Shot which came in the Duke of Dorset will be forwarded to you in the same ship, we have detained nothing but a trifle of sheet copper wanted for our Hospital and two small mortars.

Capt. Forrester has paid Us for what Was damaged or deficient of his Cargo.

As we have had occasion likewise to take out the Bales consigned to you from Bombay by the Stretham we brought them upon our Books by Crediting Your Presidency for the Amount, and now again Debt you for the same together with the Additional Charges on reshiping them.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
31ST. AUGUST 1759.

GEORGE PIGOT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENRY VANSITTART.
RICH^{D}. FAIRFIELD.
SAM^{L}. ARDLEY.
CHA^{S}. TURNER.

N^{o}. 48.

TO CAPTAIN CHARLES MASON OF THE STRETHAM.

SIR

You are hereby order'd to [depart] and make the best of your Way to Fort William in Bengal; [where] on Your Arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President & Council there and follow their Orders for your further proceedings Dated in FORT S^{T}. GEORGE the 31st. August 1759.

N^{o}. 49.

TO MESS^{RS}. THOMAS LOCKWOOD, THOMAS FITZHUGH, RICHARD WOOD, STEPHEN DEVISME, FRANCIS KINNERSLEY, FRANCIS WOOD, JAMES FLINT, BENJAMIN TORIN AND THOMAS THOMAS SUPRA CARGOS OF COUNCIL IN CANTON.

GENTLEMEN

We wrote to you by the Essex the 4th. & 6th. August you will please to observe by the last letter that admiral Pocock having detained the other China Ships we had wrote to him to send Us at least two of them, in consequence whereof the Valentine & Suffolk were dispatched and arrived here the 16th. of last month, but notwithstanding all possible diligence they could not be

got ready to proceed till now, Mr. Pocock has since dismissed, the Denham, Oxford and Pocock also but the season will be so far advanced before their Cargos can be landed that it will be in Vain to attempt the passage to China until the next year.

We now dispatch the Valentine and Suffolk to you, and as their Original stocks consisting only of Ten Chests of Treasure each are by far too small, and we are directed to encrease them, We have taken twenty chests from the Stocks of the other ships and added them to the stocks of these in equal proportions so that you will receive by each twenty chests. We have also Laden and consigned to You as much Redwood as could be got on board them, without detention, the quantity and Value will appear by the Invoices.

The Ships remaining in India of those which were intended for China are, the Shaftesbury of last Year, the Denham, Oxford, and Pocock of this season all which, as they cannot be in time to proceed to you, must be sent down to Bengal if the Gentlemen there should be able to furnish more Goods than sufficient for the Tonnage of the Coast and Bay Ships it is probable one or more of the above mentioned ships may also be returned home, otherwise they will be dispatched to you next year if, with the assistance of the Gentlemen of Bengal it should be possible to furnish proper stocks for the purchase of their Cargos.

We have not to this time receiv'd the least Intelligence of the French Squadron, nor has any thing remarkable happened on the Coast since our last.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your most humble Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENRY VANSITTART.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
7TH. SEPTEMR. 1759.

LIST OF THE PACKET FOR CANTON ℔ VALENTINE.

No. 1 General Letter dated September 1759.
2 Duplicate Do. dated 4 August 1759. } ℔ Essex
3 Do. Do. 6 Do. }
4 Invoice of the Valentine from Fort St. George.
5 Bill of Loading Do.
6 Copy of the Companys Instructions to Capt. Fernell.
7 Copy of the Valentines Charterparty.
8 Copy Commission to Capt. Fernell to seize unlicensed persons.
9 Manifest of goods & Merchandize laden in England on board the Valentine.
10 Copy of the Valentines Victualling Bill.
11 Packet directed to Messrs. Thomas Lockwood &ca. Supra Cargos of Council in China.
12 Account of private Trade landed at Fort St. George from the Valentine.
13 Copy of Capt. Fernells Sailing Orders.
14 Acct. Curt. with the Owners of the Valentine to be forwarded to England by the Same ship.

FORT ST. GEORGE
7 SEPTR. 1759.

JOS: DUPRE,
Secy.

LIST OF THE PACKET TO CANTON ℔ SUFFOLK.

N°. 1 General Letter dated September 1759.

2 Triplicate D°. dated 4 August 1759
3 D°. D°. 6 D°. ℔ Essex

4 Invoice of the Suffolk from Fort S^{t}. George.

5 Bill of Lading D°.

6 Invoice of the Suffolk from England for Canton.

7 Bill of Lading D°.

8 Abstract of the Pococks Invoice for Canton.

9 Second Bill of Lading D°.

10 Copy of Capt. Lewins Instructions.

11 Copy of the Suffolks Charter party.

12 Copy of Cap^{t}. Lewins Commission to seize unlicensed persons.

13 Manifest of Goods and Merchandize licensed to be shipt. in England on board the Suffolk.

14 Copy of the Suffolks Victualling Bill.

15 Account of private Trade landed from the Suffolk at Fort S^{t}. George.

16 Copy of Capt. Lewins Sailing Orders.

17 Account Curr^{t}. with the owners of the Suffolk to be forwarded to England by the same Ship.

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
7TH. SEPT^{R}. 1759.

JOS : DU PRE,
Sec^{y}.

N°. 50.

TO CAPT. WILLIAM FERNELL
OF THE VALENTINE.

SIR

You are hereby directed to repair on board and make the best of your Way to Canton in China following such General directions as you have received from the Honble Court of Directors, to which We add that you are not to touch at Quedah or any Port in the Dominions of the King of Siam unless obliged thereto by unavoidable necessity as We have lately seized and confiscated a Ship and Cargo belonging to the King of Quedah and thereatened to do the like by those of the King of Siam in Satisfaction for the Snow Northumberland which Was seized by their Officers at Junkseyloan in the year 1755. Upon Your Arrival in Canton you will deliver the accompanying Packet to Mess^{rs}. Thomas Lockwood, Thomas Fitzhaugh, Richard Wood, Stephen Devisme, Francis Kinnersley, Francis Wood, James Flint, Benjamin Torin and Thomas Thomas, Supra Cargo's of Council for the Company's Affairs in China, or such of them as shall be there and follow their Orders for your further proceedings Dated in FORT S^{T}. GEORGE September 7th. 1759.

The like Dispatch to Cap^{t}. Richard Lewin of the Suffolk.

No. 51.

To the Honble Robert Clive Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
at Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote you last by the Stretham the 31 August, and we now dispatch to you our Honble Masters ship Duke of Dorset with Lead and Redwood as ℔ Invoice the Calcutta will follow in a few days, and we shall also shortly dispatch to you the Companys ship Duke with a further quantity of Redwood.

Three Chests of Coral consigned to Messrs. Manningham and Frankland by the Royal George having been landed here, and as that ship will probably Attend the Squadron We have sent the Chests on the Duke of Dorset they are Mark'd B N 10 ann I $\frac{F}{B}$ L N 1 & 2.

We have drawn one Sett of Bills of Exchange on Your Honr. &ca. dated the 11th. Instant payable at ten days sight to Hodjee Salla, Meer Abdulla and Aga Moussam or order for Current Rupees Eighty three thousand Seven hundred (89700) value received of themselves in Arcot Rupees seventy seven thousand five hundred 77500.

We enclose the Packet for you received from Bombay and mentioned in our last.

We beg to your Compliance with the accompanying Indent for Packing stuff and are

Fort St. George
14th. Septr. 1759.

Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants

George Pigot.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.
John Pybus.
Henry. Vansittart.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

List of the Packet ℔ Duke of Dorset.

1 General Letter dated September 1759.
2 Dup. Do. dated 31st. August 1759 ℔ Stretham.
3 Invoice of the Duke of Dorset.
4 Bill of Loading Do.
5 Abstract of the Strethams Invoice.
6 Second Bills of Loading Do.
7 Indent for Packing stuff.
8 Account Current with the Owners of the Duke of Dorset.
9 Manifest of Goods & Merchandize laden in England ℔ Do.
10 Copy of the Duke of Dorsets Victualling Bill.
11 Account Private trade landed at Fort St. George from the Duke of Dorset.
12 Copy of Capt. Forresters lailing [*sic*] Orders.
13 Packet from Bombay.

Fort St. George
14 Septr. 1759.

Jos: Dupre,
Secy.

No. 52.

To Capt. Bernard Forrester
of Duke of Dorset.

Sir

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board and make the best of your Way to Fort William in Bengal where on Your Arrival You are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President and Council and follow their Orders for your further proceedings Dated in

Fort St. George
the 14th. September 1759.

No. 53.

To the Honble Robert Clive Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council
at Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

This accompanys a Duplicate of our Letter of the 14th. Instant by the Duke of Dorset.

The three Chests of Coral We advised to have sent you by that ship were omitted and they now go by the Calcutta.

We have received into Cash here the sum of Pagodas 425–21–42 for the Ballance arising from the sale of the Catherine Sloops Cargo this sum at the rate of 356 Arcot Rupees for 100 Pagodas amounts to Ar. Rs. 1515–2–0 and these at 8 ℔ Ct. Batta to Crs. 1636–5–4 which sum We request of you to pay to Mr. Christian Frederick Schroder or other legal Claimants for what We have before wrote you on this subject We refer to our Letters of the 1st. and 24th. March and 25th. May we have ordered the accounts to be sent Mr. Schroder.

We have taken out no more than one hundred and ten pipes of Madeira Wine imported by the Calcutta being just the quantity consigned to this Presidency, the numbers of the pipes We have landed are marked with a Cross in the Gauging paper which We forward to you together with the Original Bill of Loading and Invoice having credited account Current London upon our Books exactly half the amount thereof.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most humble Servants

Fort St. George
the 18th. September.

George Pigot.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.
John Pybus.
Henry. Vansittart.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

List of the Packet ℔ Calcutta.

No. 1 General Letter dated 18th. September 1759.
2 Dup. Do. 14 Do. ℔ Duke of Dorset.
3 Madeira Invoices of Wine.

4 Account Gauge of Wine.
5 Bill of Loading of Dº.
6 Copy of the Calcutta's Charter party.
7 Copy Capt. Wilsons Commission to seize unlicensed persons.
8 Manifest of Goods & Merchandize laden on the Calcutta in England.
9 Copy of the Calcutta Victualling Bill.
10 Account of Private Trade landed at Fort Stᵗ. George.
11 Bill of Loading of three Chests of Coral.
12 Copy of Capt. Wilsons Sailing Orders.

FORT STᵀ. GEORGE
18TH. SEPTᴮ. 1759.

JOS DU PRE,
Secʳʸ.

Nº. 54.

TO CAPTᵀ. GEORGE WILSON
OF THE SHIP CALCUTTA.

SIR

You are hereby order'd to repair on board and make the best of your way to Fort William in Bengal where, on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President & Council and follow their Orders for your further proceedings. Dated in Fort Stᵗ. George the 18 September 1759.

Nº. 55.

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQᴿ.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &Cᴬ. COUNCIL
AT BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

Our last address was dated the 8th. August We therein advised that the Valentine, Suffolk, Pocock, Oxford & Denham had joined Mr. Pococks Squadron, and were detained by him, at our earnest desire he dispatched to Us the Valentine and Suffolk, and they proceeded on their Voyage to Canton the 7th. Instant, The Denham and Oxford did not arrive here till some time after, when it was too late to think of sending them to China this Season they are at present gone to Mazulipatam to fetch up the French Prisoners and will when they return be sent down to Bengal, the Pocock We believe will be employed for some time as a Storeship to the Squadron the Royal George as a Frigate, the Shaftesbury one of the last years China ships was sent to Batavia to refit and return hither, in her passage back meeting with hard Gales she fell to Leward and is gone to the Negrais We expect her here every day, The Calcutta from England and Maderia arrived here the 23 Instant and sailed this day for Bengal.

The Stretham was dispatched to Bengal the 31st. August and the Duke of Dorset the 14th. Instant.

By Advices lately received from Fort Marlbro, We judge there will remain there about six hundred Tons of pepper after the Dispatch of the Holderness and Delawar We have advised the Gentlemen at Bengal thereof and left it to them to make a disposition of Tonnage accordingly. As to ourselves We cannot be in any degree assistant in the Loading for Europe the Ships of this

season unless we are supplied with money either from Bengal or from Your Honour &c^{a}. The Warren which sailed for England the 19 August having cleared our Warehouse.

Upon a representation from the Gentlemen at Bengal in 1756 that the Snow Northumberland Capt. John Mackmath had been seized and Confiscated and the greatest part of the Crew Murdered at Junkseyloan in the year 1755 by the Governour of that place and the Assistance of the King of Cuddah, we wrote to the King of Siam demanding restitution and acquainted our Honourable Masters of our proceedings herein, who in Answer empower Us to make reprisals, if Justice should not otherwise be done to the sufferers, Having received no Answers from the King of Siam we have reason to think he has no intentions to comply with our demands and Captain Mackmath having made it appear to Us that the King of Cudda was concerned as a principal we have this Year seized and confiscated a snow belonging to him and her Cargo and shall do the like by all others that may fall within our power as well as with the ships and Effects of the King of Siam and his subjects untill ample satisfaction be made to the concerned in the Northumberland and her Cargo, We give your Honour &c^{a}. this advice not only that you may caution all vessells trading to the Eastward to be on their Guard but that if any Vessells belonging to the Kings of Siam & Cuddah should fall within your power you may be apprized of what has already passed that you may act in consequence as you may think reasonable.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Servants

FORT S^{T}. GEORGE
THE 20 SEPTEM^{R}. 1759.

GEORGE PIGOT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHA^{S}. BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENR^{Y}. VANSITTART.
RICH^{D}. FAIRFIELD.
SAM^{L}. ARDLEY.
CHA^{S}. TURNER.

N^{o}. 56.

TO THE HONOURABLE ROBERT CLIVE ESQ^{R}.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &C^{A}. COUNCIL
AT FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We dispatched the Calcutta to you the 18th. Instant and wrote you under that date.

Our Honble Masters ship Duke having been ashore in Poolo Bay whereby it is apprehended her Bottom may have sustained some damage it is judged necessary that she should be examined We therefore now send her down to you and desire you will Order her to be examined and all necessary repairs to be made so as that she may return to Us early in January, and proceed immediately from hence to the West Coast, and if your Honour &c^{a}. will take that oppertunity to send Us up a Cargo of Rice it will be very acceptable.

We have laden and Consigned to you by the Duke a parcell of Redwood (as will appear by the Invoice & Bill of Lading enclosed) which together with what we have sent by the Leopard and Duke of Dorset exceeds the quantity you Indented for.

Our Honble Masters ship Prince Henry Packet arrived here the 25 Instant she left England the 14 April in Company of Admiral Cornish with four of his Majestys Ships of the Line and three of the Companys Ships, the Capt. informs us that he parted from them off the Brazils.

We forward herewith a Packet from the Honble Court of Directors for your Presidency by the Prince Henry Packet and enclose a Letter for the Deputy Governour & Council at Fort Marlbro' which We desire will send by the first Conveyance.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENY. VANSITTART.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
28TH. SEPTEMBER 1759.

No. 57.

TO ROGER CARTER ESQR DEPUTY GOVERNOUR
&CA. COUNCIL AT FORT MARLBRO.

GENTLEMEN

Our Honble Masters Ship Duke Arrived here the 15th. August from Batavia and Brought Us your Advices of the 21 May.

We would willingly have complied with Your desire by returning the Duke to You immediately but upon Capt. Powneys representation and a Survey, it being judged unsafe for that ship to make another Voyage without having her Bottom Looked at We have therefore dispatch'd her to Bengal to be refitted We have desired she may return to Us in January and We purpose to send her then directly to You.

The Gentlemen at Bombay wrote Us sometime ago that the two Schooners were in great forwardness and that one of them would be ready to come round to Us before the Monsoon but by a Vessell lately arrived from Bombay We have cause to think we shall not see her so soon whenever they come they shall be dispatched to you.

We observe that you reckon on having nine hundred surplus Tons of pepper this was upon a supposition that you should have only one Ship from Europe, but as our Honble Masters intended to send you two (the Holdernesse of 499 Tons and the Delawar of 400 Tons) We compute your remains at about 600 Tons and have wrote accordingly to the Gentlemen at Bengal to send two or more ships to fill up at Marlbro.

All the Ships from England this season intended for the Coast and China arrived safe, but only three of them have been dispatch'd to Canton (the Essex, Valentine and Suffolk the rest being too late, We shall send them to Bengal to pass the Monsoon.

Of the Coast and Bay Ships the Duke of Dorset and the Calcutta are arrived here and sent on to Bengal, and the Company's own ship Royal George imported here in July and is with his Majesty's Squadron.

We send this Letter to Bengal to be forwarded by the Ships that may be sent to You to fill up and we shall either by the Bombay Schooner or the Duke whichever may first be dispatch'd from hence, write you fully concerning our Hon'ble Masters Affairs.

We are

FORT ST. GEORGE
28 SEPTEMBER 1759.

GENTLEMEN
Your Affectionate Friends and Servants

GEORGE PIGOT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENY. VANSITTART.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.

No. 58.

TO CAPT. THOMAS POWNEY
OF THE HONBLE COMPANY SHIP DUKE.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board and make the best of your Way to Fort William in Bengal where on Your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President & Council and follow their Orders for your further proceedings. Dated in Fort St. George the 20th. September 1759.

No. 59.

TO THE HONBLE RICHARD BOURCHIER ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF
BOMBAY.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We have received your Letters of the 15 August, and 18 September, the latter by the Fort Marlbro Schooner, which arrived here the 9 Instant and will soon be dispatched to the West Coast, with the former of these Letters you are pleased to transmit Us Your account Current with this Settlement to the 31 July last, as also Copy of a Report from Your Committee of Accounts concerning some disbursements made by Us on the ship Protector.

In answer to which We beg leave to acquaint You that it is our constant Method to carry all charges on account of any of the Honble Company's Vessells to the Heads of those respective Vessells, but as the Protector is a Bombay Ship and Stands on Your Books, not on Ours, We had no proper head to Debt for her Charges, and therefore were under a necessity of carrying them to the debit of your Presidency and must continue so to do.

At the particular request of Admiral Pocock we have ordered the Pocock Captain De Buke and the Royal George Captain Beamish, under his Command, the former as a Storeship, And the latter as a Frigate, The Royal George being the Companys Own Ship, their directors concerning her are very particular, Copy's thereof are now sent to You.

The Honble Court of Directors in their General Letter of the 1st. November 1758, advise us that they had put Five hundred Ounces of Silver on board the Diligent Schooner, for the use of that Vessell during the Voyage (if wanted) for which Captain Macleshin was to be accountable either at Bombay, or this place; As you have made no mention of this Money, We demanded it here, and were informed by Captain Macleshin that he had accounted with you for it.

We have been supplied with sundry Stores from his Majesty's Squadron, for which we have given a Certificate Copy whereof we now transmit you, these Stores we desire you will be pleased to replace and transmit us an account of their Cost that proper Credit may be given you for the amount.

Inclosed We send you Duplicate of our last together with an account shewing the Difference between the Pay issued to the Kings and Companys Troops with the Gratuity made to the former.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
15 OCTOBER 1759.

GEORGE PIGOT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENY. VANSITTART.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.

Since closing this Letter we have thought necessary to send the Royal George to Bengal, but the Companys Directors relating to her are nevertheless forwarded to your Honr. &ca.

No. 60.

To JOHN ANDREWS ESQR.
CHIEF OF MASULIPATAM.

SIR

By a Letter received this day from Captain James Den of the Ship Patty we are informed that thro' the Mistake of one of his Officers a Chest of gold consignment to this Presidency, was sent ashore at Masulipatam, in the room of a Chest of Silver intended for the Use of the Military; You are therefore hereby Directed to forward the said Chest of Gold to Us by the first sea Conveyance, & be pleased to inform the commanding Officer, that he may draw upon Us for the amount of the Chest of Silver, which We have received here.

We are
SIR
Your affectionate Friends

FORT ST. GEORGE
OCTOR. 15TH. 1750.

GEORGE PIGOT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENY. VANSITTART.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.

No. 61.

To the Honble Robert Clive Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council of
Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We wrote you under date the 18th. Ultimo ℔ Calcutta, & the 28th. ℔ Duke, since which Admiral Pocock has agreed to leave the Royal George in order to be sent to you, and we accordingly now dispatch her.

We have received Your favours of the 21st. August & 10 September and shall agreeable to your desire make a demand on the Commanding Officer of his Majesty's 79 Regiment for the amount of the sum advanced by you to Capt. Drake on account of the Detachment under his Command.

We readily consent to Mr. Southby's proceeding to the Negrais to take charge of the Timbers but as the Honble Company have thought proper to Order their settlement to be withdrawn, we have directed him to be particularly carefull not to put them to any Expence further than the Pay of the people left there, & his own allowance which We have Stipulated at the sum of fifty Pagodas Monthly, the same as Mr. Henry Brooke one of our former Residents received He is likewise informed that he must not make any purchase of fresh Timbers but confine himself entirely to the sending away such as he shall find, either to this Place, or Your Presidency, by the first Conveyances which may offer, Our Letter to him is enclosed and we request Your Honour &ca. will forward it by the first opportunity.

The consignment you mention to Us of Eleven hundred Bags of Rice, & one hundred Bags of wheat by the Leopard, was stopped by Colonel Forde at Masulipatam, and sold there, Your Honour &ca. will therefore take proper Care to credit us back the amount thereof.

Thro' the mistake of Captain Dens Officers one of the Chests of Gold sent on the Patty was landed at Masulipatam, in the room of a Chest of Silver intended by you for the use of the Military there; We have wrote to our Chief to forward it to Us by the first Sea Conveyance and have directed him to acquaint the Officer Commanding there that he may draw upon Us for the amount of the Chest of Silver, which has been received here.

The Royal George being the Company's Own Ship their directions Concerning her are Very particular Copy's thereof are now sent to You.

Duplicate of our Last is now inclosed, as also an account of Pay issued to his Majestys, & the Companys Troops shewing the gratuity allowed to the former.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedient Servants

George Pigot.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.
John Pybus.
Henry. Vansittart.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas Turner.

Fort St. George
17th. Octor. 1759.

No. 62.

To Mr. Wm. Henry Southby
at the Negrais.

Sir

We have received a Letter from the President and Council of Fort William dated the 21 August last advising Us that they have found it necessary to send some person to the Negrais to take charge of the Timbers remaining there belonging to the Company, and have made mention of you as willing to undertake that service.

We readily consent to your proceeding to the Negrais for that purpose but as the Honble Company have been pleased to Order their Settlement to be withdrawn, We cannot too strongly recommend to you to be particularly Carefull not to put them to any Expence further than the Pay of the People left there, and your own allowance, which we think Fit to stipulate at the sum of fifty Pagodas ℔ Month, being the same as Mr. Henry Brooke one of our former residents Received.

It is also necessary to inform you that you must *not* make any purchase of fresh Timbers but confine your self entirely to the sending away such as you shall find either to this place, or to Bengal, by the first conveyances which may offer.

We are
Your affectionate Friends

Fort St. George
October 17th. 1759.

George Pigot.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.
John Pybus.
Henry. Vansittart.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

No. 63.

To Captain George Beamish
of the Ship Royal George.

Sir

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board and make the best of your Way to Fort William in Bengal on Your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President and Council and follow their Orders for your further proceedings Dated in Fort St. George the 17th. October 1759.

No. 64.

To the Honble Robert Clive Esqr.
President and Governour &ca. Council of
Fort St. George.

Honble Sir & Sirs

We omitted to mention in our Letter of the 17th. Instant that we expect to have seven hundred Bales in January including those which have been Sent from Vizagapatam to Your Presidency Therefore if your Honour &ca. will please to send a ship half loaded we shall be able to Compleat her Cargo and Dispatch her to England.

The Vizagapatam Bales should if possible be sent up to Us in the Month of December that the Cloath may be sorted and whiteend [*sic*] in readiness to be shipped for Europe.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most humble Servants

FORT ST. GEORGE
OCTOR. 20TH. 1759.

GEORGE PIGOT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENRY VANSITTART.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.

No. 65.

TO CAPTAIN GEORGE IVEY
OF THE HONBLE COMPANYS SLOOP GRAMPUS.

SIR

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board and make the best of your Way to Acheen Head, You are to go as near the Land as may be sufficient to Enable you to discover whether any Ships are lying there from thence you are to proceed to Merguy. In case of your seeing any Fleet of Ships you are to sail without Loss of time to Bengal and acquaint the President and Council of Fort William therewith and altho' you should not find any ships at the abovementioned Ports you are nevertheless to go to Bengal where you will receive further Directions for your further Proceedings Dated in Fort St. George this 25th. day of October 1759.

GEORGE PIGOT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
DAWSONNE DRAKE.
HENRY VANSITTART.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.

No. 66.

TO MR. JOHN ANDREWS
AT MAZULIPATAM.

SIR

We wrote you under date the 15th. Instant desiring you to forward to Us the Chest of Gold landed by Mistake from the Patty, at Mazulipatam, and doubt not but that you will use your utmost Endeavours to Comply therewith.

We have lately caused Publick Notice to be given to all persons inclinable to provide an Investment for the Company, that they may deliver in their Proposals on or before the 30th. of November next, taking Care to particularize the Species, Price, and Quantity they intend to supply, In order therefore the better to regulate our Contract with the Merchants with regard to the Quantity of Cloth to be by them provided, We shall be Glad to be informed by You as

soon as possible what Number of Bales you imagine the Northern Settlements will be able to furnish not proposing our Investment for the present to be Very considerable.

FORT ST. GEORGE
OCTOR. 27 1759.

We are
Your Affectionate Friends

GEORGE PIGOT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
DAWSE. DRAKE.
HENY. VANSITTART.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAM : ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.

No. 67.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT CLIVE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

The Honble Companys Sloop Grampus arrived here the 18th. Instant, by her We received your Favour of 2d. Octobr. advising Us of the Consignment of Silver Eighteen Chests and one of Gold on that Vessell.

Our Committee of Treasury have reported to Us that upon Comparing the Treasure delivered here with your Invoice they found a Deficiency of two hundred & Eighty Six Sonaut & twenty old Arcot Rupees, which We demanded of Capt. Ivey, Who has represented to Us that the Chests in which the Rupees had been pack'd were so extremely rotten that the Money must have dropt out either before it was delivered to his Charge, or in bringing it ashore here, the utmost care having been taken of it whilst on board his Vessell, our Committee likewise confirming Captain Iveys Assertion concerning the bad Condition of the Chests, We therefore leave it to you to settle the deficiency with him.

By Your Invoice the Bullion is said to weigh Sa. wt. 19290–14 which has turned out here lb. 600 3. 16. dut as We are entirely unacquainted with the Nature of the Siccа. Weight, We beg of you to explain that matter to us & likewise desire you will Compare the out turn of the Silver by our Weight with that expressed in your Invoice.

Since your Honour &ca. have brought all Charges which you have been at on account of the Honble Companys Settlement at the Negrais to the debit of this Presidency, We shall be glad to be informed what Stores you may have received from thence and to what amount you have credited us for the same.

We have drawn on You two Setts of Bills of Exchange dated the 24th. Instant payable at ten days sight to the undermentioned Persons Vizt.

Setts.	To whom payable.	Value received of.	CRs.			ARs.		
1	To Mr. Hugh Watts ..	John Pybus Esqr. ..	3341	13	8	3094	5	—
1	To William Mackett Esqr.	Do. Do ..	3144	15	4	2912	—	—
2	Setts amounting to.	CRs.	6486	13	—	6006	5	—

We dispatched Captain Ivey the 25th. with Orders to make the best of his Way to Acheen Head to discover if any ships are lying there & from thence to Merguy; in case he should see any Ships to proceed to Bengal with the Utmost expedition & to acquaint You therewith, He is also directed to go to Bengal even altho' he should not meet with any Ships.

Inclosed are Duplicates of our Last two Letters.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Servats.

GEORGE PIGOT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
DAWSE. DRAKE.
JOHN PYBUS.
HENRY VANSITTART.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
OCTOR. 27TH. 1759.

No. 68.

TO CAPTAIN WM. WEBBER
OF THE SHIP OXFORD.

SIR

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship, and make the best of Your Way to Fort William in Bengal, where on Your Arrival You are to Deliver the Accompanying Packet, to the President &ca. Council and follow their Orders for Your further Proceedings DATED IN FORT ST. GEORGE this 27th. day of October 1759.

No. 69.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT CLIVE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL
OF FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We did ourselves the pleasure to address you under date the 27th. Ultimo, by the Oxford, Duplicate whereof is now inclosed.

We wrote you by the Duke in September last to desire your Honour &ca. would take the opportunity of that Ships return to send us up a Cargo of Rice. Our Present Scarcity of Grain obliges us to repeat that request, which We hope you will readily comply with.

The Ajax, Stormont, & Houghton shall be dispatch'd to you tomorrow.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Ser[vants]

GEORGE PIGOT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIE[R].
DAWS: DRAKE.
HENY. VANSITTA[RT]
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.

FORT ST. GEORGE
NOVR. 5TH. 1759.

N°. 70.

To Capt^n^. William Tryon
of the Ship Denham.

Sir

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your ship and make the best of your Way to Fort William in Bengal Where on your Arrival You are to deliver the Accompan^g^. Packet to the President & Council and follow their Order for your further Proceedings Dated in Fort S^t^. George this 6^th^. day of Nov^r^. 1759.

N°. 71.

To Roger Carter Esq^r^. Deputy Governour
&c^a^. Council at Fort Marlbro.

Gentlemen

Para. 1^st^. We wrote you under date the 28^th^. Sept^r^. advising you of the arrival of the Ship Duke from Batavia and acquainting You that We would willingly have Complied with Your request in returning her to You but that it was thought unsafe for that Ship to make another Voyage without being refitted for which reason We sent her to Bengal.

2. The Fort Marlbro Schooner the Smallest of the Vessells built at Bombay for your service arrived here the 9^th^. Instant & we now dispatch her to You.

3^d^. the Gentlemen appointed a Committee for examining into the Affairs of the West Coast having lately delivered in a Report, drawn out in so clear & distinct a manner we shall have occasion to add but little thereto, Copy thereof is sent herewith.

4. We remark the Inconvenience You alledge relating to the Duke's calling at your northern settlements when her Dispatch is at a time that Intelligence from hence may guide You in regard to the Tonnage you may load on Your Storeship; and shall therefore take Care in future to give particular directions to the Commanders of all Vessells sent from here not to call at any of the Northern settlements should there be any Probability of its preventing them from being at Marlbro by the end of November, and upon no acct. to touch at any Ports but those belonging to the Company.

5^th^. We have no reason to doubt but that the Gentlemen at Bengal will be able to supply shipping sufficient for Your surplusage of Pepper, so that it will be adviseable for you to give the Holderness & Delawar only their Charter party Tonnage; and We desire you will transm^t^. us the most early information what next season is likely to produce that We may take our measures accordingly.

6^th^. We cannot too earnestly recommend to You to see that proper care be taken that this Schooner & that which is to follow do not decay this neglect of examining them & cleaning their Bottoms when requisite, and when these two Vessells are compleat and both at Marlbro' you must not put the Company to the Expence of keeping the Snow purchased by the Deputy Governour or any other purchased in her stead.

7^th^. The President & Council of Fort William have acquainted Us that about the Middle of August 1758 they thought proper to dismiss the Tryal Sloop from the Company's Service on account of the Badness of her condition The owners of her must therefore be paid freight only during the time she remained in employ.

8th. By this Conveyance We consign to You three hundred & twenty thousand (320,000) Copper Cash, but have it not in our power at present to send you any Fanams The want of the latter We imagine may be partly made Good by Estimates, or small money, Mentioned to be plenty with you, however we shall be glad to hear your opinion upon this matter, The large amount of Cash Sent you by the Holdernesse and Delawar added to your Ballance at the departure of the Duke will according to your own computation greatly exceed what you stand in need for Your Yearly Remittance We purpose therefore to order one of the ships intended for China to call at Fort Marlbro in order to take on board what treasure you can spare, We do not think necessary to mention any particular sum but shall leave that matter to you, with this recommendation only, that the greater Quantity of Treasure you supply for the Canton Market, the more acceptable it will be to our Honble Employers.

9th. It is to be hoped that We shall be furnished by the next Conveyance with Your account Remains as well as Your Books, when we shall be able to judge of the state of your Sugar & Arrack Undertakings, concerning which We desire You will be always very particular.

10th. We have laden on board the Fort Marlbro Schooner for your Settlement, ten Barrells of Pitch, & Tar and five Pipes of Madeira Wine, Cordage, & Salt shall be sent you by the Duke, as also five Corge of Chints.

11th. Your Report concerning the Benefit that may accrue to the Company from the Settlements of Nattal & not being recd. our Remarks thereon must be deferred.

12th. We now forward to you copy of our Resolution concerning the ill Behaviour of Mr. Charles Frederick Noble whereby you will find that We have suspended him from the Companys Service, You must therefore upon Receipt thereof immediately strike him off the List of Covenanted Servants; nor do We think him Worthy of being Employed in any Branch of the Company's Affairs.

13. The Reasons Urged by You for removing The Factory at Moco to the New Fort appearing to be altogether Well grounded, We readily Consent to the New Factory being Compleated and the Company's Effects & Servts. lodg'd therein.

14. We highly approve of the Method you have fallen upon for Guarding against Frauds in receiving a Drawback on Goods reshipped at your settlement, and Desire that you will be careful to continue the Same.

15. At the sametime that you mention your having reason to believe the rents of the Farms will be raised next Year to the rate they were Let at in the Supravisors time, you omit assigning any reason for their having fallen We hope by Your next Advices to find that the Farms have been disposed of to the best advantage and at the same rate they bore during the Supravisorship.

16. The Affidavit concerning the Arrack & Gaming Licences in the Government of Messrs. Hurlock & Hindly having been sent to the Court of Directors. they are the most proper persons to pass Judgement on such points.

17. Mr. Pybus having given his opinion in a Letter to our West Coast Committee, relating to the demand made by the Governour of Macassar on Diong Macooley We now transmit a copy thereof for Your Information.

18th. The 21st. & 22d. Paragraphs of our Committees Report with regard to Mr. Mariotts Refusal to prove the late Mr. Goodwins Will, and Captain Kendalls departure from Marlbro without issueing the Cloathing due to the Military are very full & explicit, We shall therefore leave them to Your consideration without enlarging thereon.

19th. We have used our Utmost Endeavours to prevail on Some Seapoy's to Enlist for Your Service but without Effect We therefore conceive that the most likely method to engage them is that of sending hither if alive Your

Arab Serjeant who came before on the same Errand, with two or 3 Fellows of his Corps promising a reward of head Money for each Man they carry over.

20th. We do not doubt but in filling up the vacant Employs you have paid a Strict Regard to the Company's Interest and done Justice to Every One, as also in the appointment of Residents, or their Assistants to act during the occasional absence of such Residents.

21st. The Assiduity and care of Mr. John Herbert Resident at Batavia claims our particular regard We have receiv'd that Gentleman's Letters under date the 10th. & 15th. Febry. 11th. May 1st. & 16th. June & 5th. July. His frequent advices upon Matters of Importance prove him to be an intelligent Person, as well as a good Company's Servants.

22nd. The Deficiency of Salt by the Duke was indeed large We shall therefore in future Enjoin the Commanders of our West Coast Vessells to be very cautious in regard to that Article so that if possible you may have no cause of complaint.

23d. We informed you in our last of the arrival of the Duke of Dorset Calcutta, & Royal George, since which the Ajax Stormont & Houghton imported here, the three first have been dispatched to Bengal & the rest will shortly follow.

24th. We now inclose Duplicate of our last with the Invoice & Bill of Lading of the Articles consigned to You by this Conveyance and Remain Gentlemen

Fort St. George
Novr. 5th. 1759.

Your Affectionate Friends

George Pigot.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.
Dawse. Drake.
John Pybus.
Henry. Vansittart.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

List of Packet ℔ Schooner Marlbro.

No. 1 Genl. Letter dated 5th. Novr. 1759.
2 Copy of the West Coast Committee.
3 Extract of Consultation 14th. Novr. 1758.
4 Invoice of Goods Shipped on the Fort Marlbro' Schooner.
5 Copy of Mr. Pybus's Letter concerning the Governor of Macassars demand on Diong Macooley.
6 Duplicate Genl. Letter Dated 28th. Septr. 1759.
7 Manifest of Private trade ℔ Fort Marlbro' Schooner.
8 Acct. Impress of the Fort Marlbro Schooner.
9 Do. of Stores Supplied Fort Marlbro' Schooner.

Fort St. George
6 Novr. 1759.

D. Morse,
Secy.

No. 72.

To Alexander Batten Commander
of the Fort Marlbro Schooner.

Sir

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board and make the best of your Way to Fort Marlborough on the West Coast of Sumatra, Where on Your Arrival You are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the Deputy Governour &c^{a}. Council and follow their Orders for your further Proceedings Dated in Fort S^{t}. George this 5th. day of November 1759.

No. 73.

To the Honble Robert Clive Esq^{r}.
President & Governour &c^{a}. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Captain Ingram appointed by the Honble the Court of Directors to be a Captain on Your Establishment, & to take rank immediately next after the late Captain Robert Delawall arrived lately on One of the Coast and Bay Ships; As the Scene of Action is chiefly upon this coast he has shewn a readiness to remain here and we have granted him a Brevet dated 17th. January last, being the day after the Ship in which Captain Delawall embarked, arrived at Bengal; He will take upon him the Charge of Capt. Carnaes Company here, and Capt^{n}. Carnae may take care of that Company to Which Your Honor &c^{a}. shall think proper to appoint Captain Ingeram, We request that his Staying here may be no detriment to his Promotion nor otherwise affect him with respect to any Emoluments which the Cap^{t}. of Bengal are entitled to.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obed^{t}. Serv^{ts}.

Fort S^{t}. George
Nov^{r}. 8th. 1759.

George Pigot.
John Smith.
Cha^{s}. Bourch^{r}.
Daws^{e}. Drake.
Hen^{y}. Vansitta[rt]
Rich^{d}. Fairfield.
Sam^{l}. Ardley.
Cha^{s}. Turner.

No. 74.

To Capt. George Lindsay
of the Ship Ajax.

Sir

You are hereby ordered to repair on board your Ship and make the best of your Way to Fort William in Bengal, where on your arrival you are to deliver the accompanying Packet to the President & Council and follow their Ordrs for your further Proceedings Dated in Fort St. George this 6th. day of November 1759.

No. 75.

To Captain Charles Newton
of the Ship Houghton.

Sir

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board Your Ship and make the best of Your Way to Fort William in Bengal and you are on Your arrival there to follow the Orders of the President & Council for your further Proceedings Dated in Fort St. George this 6th day of November 1759.

No. 76.

To Captn. Henry Fletcher
of the Ship Stormont.

Sir

You are hereby Ordered to repair on board Your Ship and make the best of Your way to Fort William in Bengal and You are on your arrival there to follow the Orders of the President and Council for your further Proceedings Dated in Fort St. George this 6th. day of November 1759.

No. 77.

To the Honble Robert Clive Esqr.
President & Governour &ca. Council
of Fort William.

Honble Sir & Sirs

By the Shaftesbury which left the Negrais the 7th . Ultimo, and now working into the Road, we have received advice that Captain Southby arrived at the Negrais the 4th. of that Month, and that on the 6th. the Burmahs rose, cut off all the Europeans on Shore, being Ten in Number, and made themselves Masters of the Cannon which they turned on the Shaftesbury, killed the Second Mate & one Seaman, and wounded some others besides damaging the Ship considerably; the 7th. Captain Inglis drove them from their Guns and got clear.

A vessell from Bombay named the Fame, Captain Cling, and the Snow Concern from this Place then lying at Dagon were seized and their Crew made Prisoners.

We have thought proper to inform your Honor &ca. of this Piece of Intelligence that You may take the necessary precautions.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most obedient Servts.

Fort St. George
Novr. 9th. 1759.

George Pigot.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.
Dawse. Drake.
Henry. Vansittart.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

No. 78.

To Mr. John Andrews
at Masulipatam.

Sir

We have Receivd Your Letter of the 31st. of October and as the Chest of Gold is now in Your Possession we doubt not but that You will take care to forward it to Us by the First Safe Conveyace. The Bill of Exchange which you have drawn upon Us for the amount of the Chest of Silver landed here by Mistake shall be duely honoured.

The Present Scarcity of Grain has obliged Us to Write Very Pressingly to Bengal for Supplies but as We cannot expect any from thence for some-time we desire You will procure as much as possible, & take the advantage of the Prince Henry Packets return to send it hither, and We most earnestly recommend to You, to dispatch to us in the mean time as many Boats loaded with Grain as you conveniently can the poor Inhabitants being in Very great Distress.

We are
Your affectionate Friends
George Pigot &ca. Council.

Fort St. George
Novr. 13th. 1759.

No. 79.

To John Andrews Esqr.
at Masulipatam.

Sir

We have received Your Letter of the 13th. Inst. together with one from Capt. Fisher relating to the sum of Ten thousand Rupees advanced by Colonel Forde to Mr. Bonjour on account of the Detachment sent to Masulipatam under his command, which Capt. Fischer desires may be paid to him. In answer to this demand we can only say that if you find Capt. Fischer to be under any immediate necessity for that money, it will be proper to let him have it.

When we receive the Proposals for the Northern Investment, We will send you the necessary directions.

The General Accounts of the Settlement of Masulipatam we think should be kept. in the same manner as those of Vizagapatam.

Inclosed is Duplicate of our last.

We are
Sir
Your affectionate Friends
George Pigot.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.
Dawse. Drake.
Henry Vansittart.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

Fort St. George
21st. Novr. 1759.

No. 80.

To the Honble Richard Bourchier Esqr.
President & Govr. &ca. Council of Bombay.

Honble Sir & Sirs

Your favor of the 18th. October We received the 19th. Instant.

We acquainted you in one of our former Letters that our Honble Masters Ship Shaftesbury had gone to the Negrais to refit. She left that Place the 7th. October and arrived here the 15th. of this Month; By her We learn that the Burmahs rose on the 6th. Octobr. and put Every European in the Fort to Death and having made themselves Masters of the Guns, immediately turned them upon the Shaftesbury killed the Second Mate & One Seaman and Wounded some others besides damaging the Ship considerably; the 7th. Capt. Inglis drove the Burmahs from the Cannon they Were in possession of, and put to sea.

The Shaftesbury having suffered much in her Hull, We shall in a few days dispatch her to you in order that she may be properly Examined & Repaired, and we request of you to return her hither as soon as possible as We propose to dispatch her to China.

We were at present in great Want both of grain & Timber and must therefore intreat Your Honour &ca. to direct Your Residents at Mangalore, & Calicut, to provide a Quantity of those Articles sufficient to load the Shaftesbury, which Ship may for those purposes be Ordered to call at those Places in her return.

The Ajax Stormont & Houghton imported here the 27th. Ultimo, and have been sent to Bengal. The Fort Marlborough Schooner was dispatched to the West Coast the 10th. Inst

We shall write to the Chief and Factors at Tellicherry by the Shaftesbury, concerning the beforementioned Provision of Rice & Timber, presuming that your Honor &ca. will comply with our request.

We are
Honble Sir & Sirs
Your most Obedt. Servts.

Fort St. George
22d. November 1759.

George Pigot.
John Smith.
Chas. Bourchier.
Dawse. Drake.
Henry. Vansittart.
Richd. Fairfield.
Saml. Ardley.
Chas. Turner.

No. 81.

To Thomas Hodges Esqr.
Chief &ca. Factories at Tellicherry.

Gentlemen

Our Honble Masters Ship Shaftesbury arrived here the 15th. Inst. from the Negrais which place she left the 7th. October, By her We learn that the Burmans rose 6th. October and put every European in the Fort to Death and having made themselves Masters of the Guns, immediately turned them on the Shaftesbury, killed the Second Mate and one Seaman, and wounded some others, besides damaging the Ship considerably; the 7th. Captn. Inglis drove the Burmars [*sic*] from the Cannon they were in possession of and put to Sea.

The Shaftesbury having suffered much in her Hull, we have come to a resolution to send her to Bombay that she may be properly Examined and Repair'd and have desired the President & Council there to return her to Us as Soon as possible with a Cargo of Rice and Timber. If you can on Your parts be any ways assisting in furnishing the Shaftesbury with the abovementioned Cargo, by transmitting the necessary directions to Mangalore & Calicut you will greatly oblige Us, We being at present greatly in Want of those Articles.

We are
GENTLEMEN
Your affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT.
JOHN SMITH.
CHAS. BOURCHIER.
DAWSE. DRAKE.
HENY. VANSITTART.
RICHD. FAIRFIELD.
SAML. ARDLEY.
CHAS. TURNER.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
22D. NOVR. 1759.

No. 82.

TO THE HONBLE ROBERT CLIVE ESQR.
PRESIDENT & GOVERNOUR &CA. COUNCIL OF
FORT WILLIAM.

HONBLE SIR & SIRS

We advised you under date the 9th. Instant of the Shaftesburys return from the Negrais, as well as of the Malancholly Accident which had befallen Mr. Southby, and the rest of the unhappy sufferers at that settlement.

Captn. Inglis having since his Arrival represented to Us that his Ship Receiv'd some Damage in her Hull by the Shot from the Burmans We have come to a Resolution to send her to Bombay in order to be properly examined, and repaired, as we cannot dispatch her to You agreeable to our promise of the 31st. of August last on account of the lateness of the Season.

The Gentlemen at Bombay write Us that in case you can send them a Ship in the beginning of the Year with Salt Petre, they shall be able to assist in Compleating her Cargo, and that they had apprized you thereof.

We must again earnestly recommend to Your Honour &ca. to furnish Us as expeditiously as possible with Supplies of Grain, the Poor Inhabitants being in the utmost Distress.

Some Duplicate Papers relating to the Honble Company's Ship Royal George having been omitted to be sent by her, We now forward them to you.

We are
HONBLE SIR & SIRS
Your most obedient Servants
GEORGE PIGOT &CA. COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
27TH. NOVR. 1759.

No. 83.

To JOHN ANDREWS ESQR.
AT MASULIPATAM.

SIR

We have duely received Your Letters of the 29th. Ultimo, and 9th. & 11th. Inst. By the last We observe that the Revenues will if properly paid in amount to four Lacks of Rupees ℔ Annum, We hope they have been lett out to the greatest advantage, and only recommend the utmost assiduity in collecting them, application has been made to Goverdeendoss, who will direct his Gomastahs to comply with your Request.

We have examined the Proposals of the Northern Merchants, and think them upon the whole reasonable but we cannot at present furnish you with any money, not knowing what supplys we may have from Bengal; should you upon receipt of the Revenues have more Cash than what may be immediately wanted for your necessary Disbursements, we woud have you apply it towards the Investment and send us as much Cloth as you can provide, The Difference in the Piece between No. 1 & 2 and No. 2 & 3 is not sufficient the qualitys of the Cloth Consider'd, We therefore recommend to You to raise the prices of the higher numbers & take off a proportionable part from the low sortmts. in order to Encourage as much as possible the bringing You the best of their Cloth. Our Sea Customer represents to Us he has been applied to by sundry Persons to remit them the Sea Gate Custom on their Goods Imported from Mazulipatam alledging that they have already paid Custom to the Company on Exporting them from thence. The Goods its True have always bore the Company's Chop but the proprietors have never had any Certificates to produce I support of what they assert, in future to produce any Goods pay Custom on Exportation at Your Port, the Owners must have a Certificate from You of their having so done and to what amount.

We are
SIR
Your affectionate Friends
GEORGE PIGOT &CA.
COUNCIL.

FORT ST. GEORGE
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